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LIST of OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed

Selectmen

EDWARD A. DEWITT, Chairman

JOHN H. PERKINS

LAWRENCE R. STONE

Board of Public Welfare

LAWRENCE R. STONE, Chairman

JOHN H. PERKINS

EDWARD A. DEWITT

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE, Agent

Board of Health

JOHN H. PERKINS, Chairman

LAWRENCE R. STONE

EDWARD A. DEWITT

Moderator

OLIVER WOLCOTT

Town Clerk

GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN

Treasurer

BERNARD A. CULLEN

Tax Collector

BERTHA L. CROWELL

Surveyor of Highways

LELAND DODGE THOMPSON

Assessors

JESSE S. MANN, Chairman

Term expires 1945

ROBERT H. CHITTICK

Term expires 1944

DONALD G. TRUSSELL

Term expires 1946

Trustees of Public Library

BEATRICE B. HOLMES

Term expires 1945

ROLAND W. PAYNE

Term expires 1944

JOHN F. NEARY

Term expires 1946

School Committee

ALLAN MACCURRACH, Chairman

Term expires 1944

GRACE B. LAMSON

Term expires 1945

BRYCE B. WALTON

Term expires 1946

Tree Warden

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Cemetery Commissioners

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE, Chairman

Term expires 1945

LAWRENCE C. FOSTER

Term expires 1944

JOHN T. WALKER

Term expires 1946

Water Commissioners

GEORGE A. HARRIGAN, Chairman

Term expires 1946

EVERETT F. HALEY

Term expires 1944

RICHARD H. SMITH

Term expires 1945

Park Commissioners

RALSTON F. PICKERING, Chairman

Term expires 1945

STANLEY E. ALLEN

Term expires 1944

FREDERICK P. GOODHUE

Term expires 1946

Planning Board

JOHN DECOURCY, Chairman

Term expires 1947

JOHN R. HOLLISTER

Term expires 1946

JOHN F. COUNIHAN

Term expires 1945

NELLIE E. WOODMAN

Term expires 1944

M. KEITH LANDER

Term expires 1948

Constables

EDWARD FREDERICK

CHARLES F. POOLE

ARTHUR SOUTHWICK

Chief of Police

EDWARD FREDERICK

Moth Superintendent

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Superintendent of Cemetery

ERNEST E. MACGREGOR

Superintendent of Water Works

MALCOLM P. BROWN, (Resigned)

J. EDWARD COX

Registrars of Voters

FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman

Term expires 1946

DANIEL F. CROWLEY

Term expires 1944

JOHN F. COUNIHAN

Term expires 1945

GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN, *Clerk ex-officio*

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERVING O. MAXWELL

Town Accountant

GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN

W. P. A. Co-ordinator

ALEXINA D. MORROW

Town Counsel

ROBERT B. WALSH

Fire Engineers

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS, Chief

EARL E. JOHNSON

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Finance and Advisory Committee

THEODORE A. HOLLAND, Chairman

PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE

ERNEST F. STOCKWELL

JOHN A. TUCKERMAN (Resigned)

JOHN KING

JOHN R. HOLLISTER

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

ERNEST M. BARKER

Inspector of Milk

ERNEST M. BARKER

Forest Fire Warden

FRED BERRY

Dog Officer

WALTER E. JOHNSON (Resigned)

Field Drivers

FRED BERRY

JESSE S. MANN

CARL C. ANDERSON

ERNEST M. BARKER

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

WILLIAM W. BANCROFT

TIMOTHY A. MOYNIHAN

ERNEST M. BARKER

WENDELL W. DODGE

Keeper of Lockup

GEORGE H. HARADEN

REPORT

of the

TOWN CLERK

1943

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON
HELD MARCH 1, 1943 AND OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HELD MARCH 9, 1943

MODERATOR: Oliver Wolcott

TELLERS

Alice M. Lovering
Edward J. Ready
Frank C. Back
Nellie E. Woodman
Walter S. Perkins
Henry C. Jackson

Walfred B. Sellman
John F. Counihan
Annie Cunningham
Jessie Cunningham
Mary Greeley
Julia Burns

POLICE

Arthur Southwick

Edward Frederick

TOWN CLERK

George Gibney Haraden

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Oliver Wolcott, at seven-thirty-two o'clock in the evening Tuesday March 1, 1943.

The Rev. John L. Yenches offered prayer.

Article 1 "To bring in your ballots for:

Moderator for one year.

Town Clerk for one year.

Three Selectmen for one year.

Three Overseers of Public Welfare for one year.

Treasurer for one year.

Tax Collector for one year.

One Surveyor of Highways for one year.

Tree Warden for one year.

Three Constables for one year.

One Assessor for three years.

One member of the School Committee for three years.

One Library Trustee for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

One Park Commissioner for three years.

One Water Commissioner for three years.

One Member of Planning Board for five years.

The above named officers to be voted for on one ballot on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 1943 (March 9, 1943). The polls will be opened at 5.45 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 4:00 o'clock P. M."

Moderator: "Article One is for the election by ballot which we will act upon March 9. The first article for consideration this evening is Article II."

Article II. "To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town shall determine."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and seconded: That four field drivers and four measurers of wood, lumber and bark be elected by the meeting from the floor and that the field drivers be nominated and elected first and the measurers of wood, lumber and bark immediately following; and that Fred Berry, Carl Anderson, Ernest Barker and Jesse Mann be elected Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and seconded: That William W. Bancroft, Ernest Barker, Timothy Moynihan and Wendell Dodge be elected Measurers of wood, lumber and bark for the ensuing year.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article III. "To hear the report of the Town Officers of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. Dewitt and seconded: That the reports of the town officers, finance and advisory committee and all departmental reports as printed in the Annual Town Report be received and placed on file.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article IV. "To see if the Town will vote to have and continue in full force and effect as of 1942 a Town Defense Committee or take any action thereon."

Mr. John H. Perkins: "Before making the aforesaid motion I would like to have the privilege of making a statement. While the operation of the observation post is not identified with the local Committee we have always regarded it as Town Defense but this year we omitted mentioning it in our report. This fact was called to my attention by the Commander yesterday and I assumed the blame for the omission. We would go on the record for this Hamilton Committee to publicly commend the American Legion Post for their outstanding record and the personnel which mans that post twenty four hours a day irrespective of weather conditions—and our apologies to them."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and seconded: That the local Defense Committee as constituted under Article 4 of the annual town meeting held on March 2, 1942, continue to act as the Town Defense Committee for the ensuing year, subject to the powers, rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, the Federal Office of Civilian Defense and the statutes applicable thereto.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article V. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700,000 for the preservation of health and protection of persons and property; to purchase equipment, uniforms and supplies for auxiliary fire and police departments, air-raid wardens, first aid rescue squads and other essential units of defense; to provide for the training of its citizens in first aid and other matters essential to civilian defense; and to provide for such other means as may be necessary in the national emergency for the protection of the people and property in the Town, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Mr. Theodore A. Holland and seconded: That the Town raise

and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for the preservation of health and protection of persons and property; to purchase equipment, uniforms and supplies for auxiliary fire and police departments, air-raid wardens, first aid rescue squads and other essential units of defense; to provide for the training of its citizens in first aid and other matters essential to civilian defense; and to provide for such other means as may be necessary in the national emergency for the protection of the people and property in the Town, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Town Defense Committee.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried

Article VI. "To raise and appropriate money for the Schools, Highways and all other expenses and determine the manner of expending same."

Moderator: "I will read, as in past years, the recommendations of the Finance Committee. If debate is wished on any items you will call "PASS" and we will take up that item after voting on the rest as a whole."

Selectmen, salaries	\$1,000.00
Expenses	300.00
Accounting	1,475.00
Treasurer, salary.....	800.00
Expenses	325.00
Special (Land Court)	70.00
Tax Collector, salary	1,000.00
Expenses	460.00
Assessors, salaries	800.00
Expenses	1,000.00
Special (Record Work)	500.00
Other Finance Accounts	15.00
Town Clerk, salary	650.00
Expenses	150.00
Law	600.00
Election and Registration	800.00
Town Hall	3,000.00
Special (Painting and repairs)	1,000.00
Police	3,200.00
Fire	3,000.00
Special (Painting fire house)	200.00
Moth, Town	2,500.00
Private	1,300.00
Tree Warden	900.00
Forest Fire Warden	85.00
Sealer	300.00
Health	2,700.00
Inspector of Animals	75.00
Highways, salary	2,000.00
Expenses	10,800.00
Snow	5,500.00
Street Lighting	7,200.00
Public Welfare	6,000.00

State and Military Aid	200.00
Old Age Assistance	2,100.00
Administration	1,000.00
Aid to dependent children, assistance	1,400.00
Administration	25.00
Schools	PASSED
Vocational	300.00
Cafeteria—High	2,375.00
Cafeteria—Lamson	1,500.00
Screens and shades	85.00
Seal and wax floors, Lamson	75.00
Public Library	2,365.00
American Legion	300.00
Boiler Insurance	150.00
Insurance Fund	1,325.00
Reserve Fund	2,500.00
Memorial Day	300.00
Parks	450.00
Town Clock	50.00
Water Department, expenses	3,325.00
Cemetery	1,230.00
Interest	2,600.00
Maturing Debt	7,000.00

Voice vote on all except the item "PASSED."

Appropriations unanimously made.

SCHOOLS. Moved by Mr. Theodore Sargeant and seconded: That the School Appropriation be taken up after Article 15.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article VII. "To see if the Town will vote, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to Maturing Debt, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Mr. Ernest F. Stockwell and seconded: That the Town, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from Excess and Deficiency Fund to Maturing Debt.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article VIII. "To see if the Town will vote to transfer to Old Age Assistance the sum of \$8,400.00 from the unexpended balance in the appropriation of \$8,400.00 for the purchase of a combination ladder truck and pumping piece of fire apparatus for the use of the Fire Department raised and appropriated under article 10 of the warrant for the annual Town Meeting held on March 2, 1942, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Mr. Percival D. Whipple and seconded: That the Town transfer the sum of \$8,400.00 to Old Age Assistance from the unexpended balance of the appropriation of \$8,400.00 for the purchase of a combination ladder truck and pumping piece of fire apparatus for use of the fire department of the

Town raised and appropriated under article 10 of the annual town meeting held on March 2, 1942.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article IX "To see if the Town will vote to transfer to Veterans' Benefits the sum of \$1,000. from the unexpended balance of \$3,658.73 in the appropriation of \$7,000. for Unemployed raised and appropriated under article 7 of the warrant for the annual Town Meeting held on March 2, 1942, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Mr. Percival D. Whipple and seconded: That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 to Veteran's Benefits from an unexpended balance of \$3,464.61 in the appropriation of \$7,000.00 for the unemployed raised and appropriated under Article 7 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held on March 2, 1942.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article X. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,371.82 for the payment of unpaid bills of the Water Department for the year 1942, as provided for by Chapter 179 of Acts of 1941."

Moved by Ernest F. Stockwell and seconded: That the sum of \$1,371.82 be raised and appropriated for the payment of unpaid bills of the water department for the year 1942, as provided for by Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1942.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XI. "To see if the Town will vote to establish and maintain a Dental Clinic and appropriate a sum of money therefor, all such appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Town Board of Health, subject to the rules and regulations of such Board, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Mr. Theodore A. Holland and seconded: That the town vote to establish and maintain a dental clinic and raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the board of health, and said clinic to be conducted subject to such rules and regulations as said board may establish.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XII. "To see if the Town will vote to erect a temporary Honor Roll Tablet of the inhabitants of Hamilton enrolled in the Armed Forces of the United States and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Dr. John King and seconded: That the selectmen be authorized and instructed to erect a temporary Honor Roll Tablet of the inhabitants of Hamilton enrolled in the armed forces of the United States and that the sum of \$300.00 be appropriated therefor.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XIII. "To see if the Town will vote to commemorate the 150th Anniversary June 21, 1943 of the incorporation of the Town and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Dr. John King and seconded: That a committee of ten, of which the board of selectmen shall be members, be appointed by the moderator to make arrangements to properly commemorate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the town and the sum of \$300 be appropriated therefor.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XIV. "To see if the Town will vote to increase the members of the School Committee from three to five, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Nellie E. Woodman and others."

Moved by Mrs. Nellie E. Woodman and seconded: That the School Committee be increased from three to five members at the Annual Meeting in 1944.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XV. "To see if the Town will vote to reopen the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School at East Hamilton, or take any action thereon, as petitioned for by Nellie E. Woodman and others."

Moved by Mrs. Nellie E. Woodman and seconded: That we request the School Committee to reopen the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School and to make appropriate provision to care for the expense.

Voice vote. Motion declared carried by Moderator.

Vote on SCHOOL Appropriation.

Moved by Mrs. Nellie E. Woodman and seconded: That the School Budget for 1943 for town expenses be \$46,023.65 including the dog tax.

Voice vote. Motion declared carried by Moderator.

Article XVI. "To see if the Town will vote to sell its real property consisting of buildings and some 7,883 square feet of land situated at 45 School Street, East Hamilton, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and seconded: That the town sell in separate parcels the premises 45 School Street, East Hamilton—the first parcel containing some 7,883 square feet, to be sold to the highest bidder, and the second parcel, consisting of the buildings thereon to be offered on a ninety day purchase option of one dollar and other valuable consideration to the Augustus P. Gardner Post American Legion, and that the selectmen in their discretion be and hereby are authorized and empowered on behalf of the town with full powers in the premises to consummate the transactions.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XVII. "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such public auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate or take action relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and seconded: That the town authorize the Selectmen with full powers to sell after giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public

place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such public auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XVIII. "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto."

Moved by Mr. Bernard A. Cullen and seconded. That the town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XIX. "To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, of the General Laws and amendments thereto."

Moved by Mrs. Bertha L. Crowell and seconded: That the Town authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, of the General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article XX. "To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting."

Mr. John H. Perkins: "It has just been called to my attention that for the first time in thirty years our genial Town Counsel was unable to be with us this evening. He is ill at home with a very heavy cold. I therefore move that we express our regrets and send wishes for a speedy recovery."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and seconded: That the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday March 9, 1943 at five-forty-five a. m.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at eight-fifty-four (8:54) in the evening.

Vote on Article I.

There were 814 votes cast under Article I

Men	389
Women	425

There were 790 votes cast at the polls and 24 absentee ballots.

Moderator—for one year.			
Oliver Wolcot	628	Blanks	186
Town Clerk—for one year.			
George Gibney Haraden	676	Blanks	138
Selectmen, Board of Welfare—three for one year.			
Edward A. DeWitt	486	John B. Moulton	394
Lawrence R. Stone	479	Blanks	644
John H. Perkins	439		
Surveyor of Highways—for one year.			
Leland D. Thompson	669	Blanks	145
Assessor—for three years.			
Donald G. Trussell	635	Blanks	179
Treasurer—for one year.			
Bernard A. Cullen	631	Blanks	183
Tax Collector—for one year.			
Bertha L. Crowell	707	Blanks	107
Constables—three for one year.			
Edward Frederick	573	Hugh E. Duran	264
Charles F. Poole	488	Frederick L. Rauscher	134
Arthur Southwick	297	Blanks	686
School Committee—for three years.			
Bryce B. Walton	556	Blanks	258
Water Commissioner—for three years.			
George A. Harrigan	619	Blanks	195
Cemetery Commissioner—for three years.			
John T. Walke	585	Blanks	229
Library Trustee—for three years.			
John E. Neary	555	Blanks	259
Park Commissioner—for three years.			
Frederick P. Goodhue	582	Blanks	232
Planning Board—one for five years.			
M. Keith Lander	3	Archie Moore	1
Alexina D. Morrow	2	Robert N. Peale	1
Charles F. Poole	1	Harry D. Gilchrest	1
John T. Walke	1	Walfred B. Sellman	1
Finlay D. MacDonald	1	Francis Dane	1
Stanley Allen.....	1	John Hollister	1
		Blanks	799

The Moderator read the result of the voting on Article I at six-forty (6:40) in the evening.

A true copy.

Attest: GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 1943

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Oliver Wolcot, at seven-thirty-two (7:32) o'clock in the evening April fourteenth (April 14, 1943) 1943.

In the absence of any member of the clergy the Moderator lead the meeting in the Lord's Prayer.

Article I. "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred and six dollars and thirty-five cents (\$1,806.35), in addition to the amount raised at the annual town meeting, March 1, 1943, for general school purposes or take any action thereon."

Moderator: It has been recommended and moved by the chairman of the Finance Committee "that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred and six dollars and thirty-five cents (\$1,806.35) in addition to the amount raised at the annual town meeting March 1, 1943, for general school purposes.

Voice vote. The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Seven citizens rising to doubt the vote the Moderator called for a standing vote and appointed the following tellers: Everett F. Haley, Webster K. Bray, Raymond A. Whipple, Alfred Edmondson, Robert H. Chittick and Edward J. Ready.

The vote:	Ayes	78	
	No	24	Motion carried

Article II. "To see if the town will vote to accept and approve the doings of the board of selectmen in taking forever by eminent domain a certain parcel of land with the trees thereon called "the Park," for the purposes of a public playground and recreation center, situate in that part of Hamilton called Highland Park, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of Grant Avenue and Arthur Avenue and running westerly one hundred and twenty (120) feet to Roosevelt Avenue thence turning and running southerly one hundred (100) feet to a passageway from Roosevelt Avenue to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running easterly one hundred and twenty (120) feet to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running northerly to Arthur Avenue one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately twelve thousand (12,000) square feet, as shown substantially on a "Plan of Hamilton Park," dated August 26, 1886, now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, to be recorded with said taking, and a "Plan of Highland Park, Hamilton, Mass.," dated Sept. 3, 1887, recorded with Essex (South District) Registry of Deeds Book 1201, Page 1, authorize said taking by said selectmen, and vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and seconded: "That the town accept and approve the doings of the selectmen in taking forever by eminent domain for a public playground, public play, a public recreation center, for public sport and for public physical education, in behalf of the Town of Hamilton and the Inhabitants thereof, by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 79 of the General Laws, with amendments and additions thereto, Chapter 45, section 14,

with amendments and additions thereto, and of every other law and power hereto enabling, a certain parcel of land with the trees thereon called "the Park," situate in that part of Hamilton, Essex County, Massachusetts, called Highland Park, and all easements and rights as tenants in common appurtenant thereto of lot owners and occupants of said "Park," bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of Grant Avenue and Arthur Avenue and running westerly one hundred and twenty (120) feet to Roosevelt Avenue, thence turning and running southerly one hundred feet (100) to a passageway from Roosevelt Avenue to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running easterly one hundred and twenty (120) feet to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running northerly to Arthur Avenue one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately twelve thousand (12,000) square feet, as shown substantially on a "Plan of Hamilton Park," dated August 26, 1886, now on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and to be recorded herewith, and a plan entitled Plan of Highland Park, recorded with Essex (South District) Registry of Deeds Book 1201, Page 1, and that the selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered with full powers to take forever by eminent domain in behalf of the Town of Hamilton and the inhabitants thereof for the purpose of a public playground, public play, a public recreation centre for public sport, and for public physical education said above described parcel called "the Park" and the easements and rights in common appurtenant thereto of lot owners and occupants of said Park.

Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article III. "To act on any matter that may legally come before said meeting."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and seconded: That the meeting adjourn. Voice vote. Motion unanimously carried.

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at seven-fifty-one (7:51) o'clock in the evening.

A true copy.

Attest: GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN
Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS RECORDED 1943

Patricia Ellen, daughter of Hugh E. and Mildred M. (Richards) MacDonald.
 Philip Sheridan, son of George J. and Jean F. (Levis) Sullivan.
 Robert E. Lee, son of Albert H. and Sarah L. (Smith) Trepanier.
 Richard Wilson
 and
 Robert Morse, sons of Edward B. and Barbara (Wilson) Pulsifer.
 Earl Douglas, son of Arnold E. and Edith M. (Fredriksen) Morgan.
 John Ralph, son of Carmon E. and Mary E. (Haskell) Herrick.
 Edward Lovett, Jr., son of Edward L. and Laura B. (Hamm) Stevens.
 Sigrid Marion, daughter of Harold M. and Dorothy B. (Morse) Johnson, Jr.
 Mary Ann, daughter of Amos A. and Mary B. (Randlett) Dolliver.
 Judith Allyne, daughter of Gilman W. and Winifred M. (Goud) Page.
 Ronald Pierce, son of Edward J. and Ruth (Lougee) Hopping.
 Russell Mowry, son of Edwin R. and Theo M. (Butts) Sanford.
 Maynard Arthur, son of Maynard G. and Doris S. (Johnson) MacGregor.
 Diana Augustus, daughter of Warren R. and Marjorie H. (Hatt) Gray.
 Louis Leonard, Jr., son of Louis L. and Thelma M. (Burrill) Doucette.
 David Albert, son of Richard W. and Virginia M. (Lewis) Stone.
 Alan Bruce, son of Alfred H. and Amy W. (Dolliver) MacRae.
 Brooke Prichard, son of Robert L. and Marjorie (Rice) Teel.
 Judith Allin, daughter of Philip W. and Eleanor (Celley) Haffcke.
 Daniel Robert, son of Preston and Margaret D. (Sargeant) Dyer, Jr.
 Thomas Harry, Jr., son of Thomas H. and Olivia (Churchill) Wetson.
 Linda Lee, daughter of Frederick J. and Isabelle O., (Dunn) Caldwell.
 Dean Bradstreet, son of Bernard M. and Barbara B. (Kimball) Pineles.
 Norbert Timothy, son of Norbert V. and Nancy (Lord) White.
 Harley Francis, Jr., son of Harley F., and Eva May (Woodbury) Thibau.
 Barbara June, daughter of Elmer H. and Virginia S. (Freeman) Smith.
 Norman Robert, son of Norman R. and Joan E. (Smith) Hopping.
 Charles Stephen, son of Charles B. and Mary E. (Farrer) Roy.
 Richard Ward, son of Clyde M. and Marie G. (Ward) Thomas.
 Kathleen Margaret, daughter of Bernard F. and Martha E. (Woodard) Clapp.
 Ruth Carole, daughter of Earle C. and Ruth (Caverly) Faulkner.
 Katherine, daughter of Hugh D. and Rita (Therault) Mullins.
 Mary, daughter of Anthony J. and Mary (Stelline) DiFrancesco.
 Charles Robison, son of Gordon C. and Marjorie (Robison) Vaughan.
 Patricia Ann, daughter of Frederick H. and Frances J. (Abrams) Shay.
 Suzanne, daughter of Romeo J. and Dorothy I. (Moore) Marquis.
 Kenneth Arnold, son of Barkley W. and Katherine S. (MacKillop) Tree.
 Kenneth Raymond, son of Herbert and Marilyn F. (Hanscome) Horsman.
 Frederick Kimball, Jr. son of F. Kimball and Dorothy E. (Leu) Loomis.
 Robert Charles, son of Joseph B. and Eda M. (Caldwell) Sabean.
 Ann, daughter of George C. and Ann (Sortwell) Clement.

MARRIAGES RECORDED 1943

Robert Louis Burns of Danvers, Mass.
Vivian Eleanor Moore of Danvers, Mass.

John Lawrence Yenches of Hamilton, Mass.
Ruth Elizabeth Charles of Hamilton, Mass.

Wilfred Jordan of Hamilton, Mass.
Mary A. Cullen of Hamilton, Mass.

James Kirkbridge Gooding of Florida City, Florida.
Evelyn Bertie Fowler of Hamilton, Mass.

Kenneth C. McRae of Hamilton, Mass.
Hilda Adele Johnson of Boston, Mass.

Jack D. Presser of Newark, New Jersey.
Betty L. A. Cushman of Hamilton, Mass.

Troy Lee Barnhill of Oak Grove, Louisiana.
Barbara Myrtis Johnson of Hamilton, Mass.

A. Merrill Cummings of Hamilton, Mass.
Ethelda G. Hoyt of Chelsea, Mass.

Bernard F. Clapp of Exeter, New Hampshire.
Martha E. Woodard of Hamilton, Mass.

Nichol Remare of Beverly, Mass.
Rita Vallee of Salem, Mass.

Richard E. Newman of Gloucester, Mass.
Barbara A. Torrey of Gloucester, Mass.

William Francis Conlon of Malden, Mass.
Doris Louise Thimmer of Hamilton, Mass.

Dantan Winslow Sawyer of Rockport, Mass.
Doris Sibley Bent of Hamilton, Mass.

Clement C. Moll of Haverhill, Mass.
Marjorie A. Dodge of Hamilton, Mass.

William H. Campbell of Hamilton, Mass.
Mae Brown Dennis of Hamilton, Mass.

Irving Lester Morse of Hamilton, Mass.
Mabel Josephine Hatch of Beverly, Mass.

Robert H. Kirby of Hamilton, Mass.
Norma M. Bowley of Amesbury, Mass.

Donald Bernard Thomas Dean of Beverly, Mass.
Marie Louise Jeanette LeBlanc of Salem, Mass.

Raymond K. Hammond of Hamilton, Mass.
Barbara P. Moran of Lynn, Mass.

George Vincent Freeman of Beverly, Mass.
Madlyn Louise Back of Hamilton, Mass.

Carroll P. Hussey of Salem, Mass.
Ann R. Kelleher of Hamilton, Mass.

Richard Earle Knowlton of Wenham, Mass.
Ruth Helen Jackson of Hamilton, Mass.

Charles F. Johnson of Hamilton, Mass.
Marilyn F. Peabody of Peabody, Mass.

John E. Lemire, Jr. of Salem, Mass.
Dorothy Arlene Manthorne of Hamilton, Mass.

Norman Arnold Nielsen of Wilmington, Delaware.
Myrtle Martha Allen of Hamilton, Mass.

Donald Everitt Goodwin of Beverly, Mass.
Jane Callahan of Wenham, Mass.

Harry Davis Mitchell, Jr. of Beverly, Mass.
Virginia Ada Johnson of Danvers, Mass.

Francis Parker Davidson of Salem, Mass.
Jessie Agnes Shaw of Hamilton, Mass.

Fenton Allan Moore of Gloucester, Mass.
Helen Grant Pulcifer of Gloucester, Mass.

David Q. Greeley of Hamilton, Mass.
Rae Cavanagh of Hamilton, Mass.

Edward S. Noyes of Hamilton, Mass.
Gloria L. Elario of Hamilton, Mass.

Ralph W. Tuck of Hamilton, Mass.
Eleanor Hays of Snyder, Texas.

Gustaf W. T. Tengberg of Hamilton, Mass.
 Agnes J. Bergman of Braintree, Mass.

Charles Glenn Moody of Atlanta, Georgia.
 Madeline Featherstone of Wenham, Mass.

Andrew Cleveland Warner of Rochester, New Hampshire.
 Mary Susan Perkins of Hamilton, Mass.

Elmer T. Pitman of Danvers, Mass.
 Barbara E. Maxwell of Hamilton, Mass.

Frank C. Leonard of Danvers, Mass.
 Mary A. Saulnier of Hamilton, Mass.

Loudain Henry Davenport MacLeod of England.
 Katharine Adair Stride of Hamilton, Mass.

Charles R. Steinfeld of Beverly, Mass.
 Edith M. Newhall of Hamilton, Mass.

Ralph S. Colwell of Hamilton, Mass.
 Josephine Maindzinski of Manchester, Mass.

Robin J. Grant-Sturgis of Cullampton, Devonshire, England.
 Helen Wolcott of Hamilton, Mass.

Earl L. Whitcomb of Hamilton, Mass.
 Dorothy L. Roderick of Salem, Mass.

James H. Morgan of Hamilton, Mass.
 Celeste A. Gilbride of Ipswich, Mass.

Hubert A. Gasper of Beverly, Mass.
 Winifred Richardson of Hamilton, Mass.

DEATHS RECORDED 1943

	<i>Yrs. Mos. Days</i>				<i>Yrs. Mos. Days</i>		
Alvin Jowder	73	8	20	Ada J. Cram	73	1	26
Thomas E. Haskell	70	10	2	Gilbert E. Tucker	43	8	29
Mary A. Durham	73		20	Minnie A. Abbott	78	8	12
Johanna M. Anderson	81	2	13	Mary C. Toner	81		
Rose A. Kelleher	66			Mary A. Grant	78	6	15
Ethel N. Bates	64	10	12	Elizabeth M. Hubbard	34	7	12
Mary E. Cox	47		3	Susie D. Adams	72	10	6
Reginald G. Cameron	50	1	14	Issac J. McPharland	60		
Helen E. Woodbury	62			Albert O. Smith	77	11	8
Grace W. Tucker	46			Patrick J. Keough	55		
Annie A. Ramsdell	78	5	9	Grace E. Woodward	83		
Ida M. Towle	66	5	25				

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN,

Town Clerk.

JURY LIST FOR 1944

J. Robert Grant, Knowlton Street, Retired.
 Walfred B. Sellman, Bridge Street, Clerk.
 Edward A. Underhill, Main Street, Forester.
 Frank W. Buzzell, Jr., Main Street, Mechanic.
 Walter I. Cheever, Knowlton Street, Laborer.
 Rudolph H. Haraden, Rust Street, Moth Superintendent.
 Robert L. Wilson, Highland Street, Superintendent.
 Raymond A. Whipple, Main Street, Superintendent.
 James Sanders, Central Avenue, Farmer.
 Henry C. Jackson, Mill Street, Salesman.
 Walter E. Dodge, Bridge Street, Mechanic.
 Everett F. Haley, Walnut Road, Superintendent.
 Harold L. Cushman, Home Street, Inventor.
 Alden L. Southwick, Main Street, Contractor.
 Adolph M. Olsen, Hamilton Avenue, Gardener.
 Edward A. DeWitt, Railroad Avenue, Carpenter.
 Alfred Edmondson, Willow Street, Greenskeeper.
 James H. Goodrich, Rust Street, Mechanic.
 Leonard W. Davison, Cutler Road, Farmer.
 Louis F. Hamilton, Bridge Street, Dog Trainer.
 Stanley I. Freeman, Union Street, Accountant.
 Francis C. Moynihan, Main Street, Merchant.
 Raymond H. Stone, Western Avenue, Crossing Tender.
 Charles A. McRae, Maple Street, Farmer.

REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The following report of the Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 1943 is respectfully submitted.

During the past year the Highway Department was very fortunate in being able to secure a limited quantity of high grade asphalt. This amounted to about 14,000 gallons and was applied to the more important streets (that is "through" streets which run to connecting Towns and are a part of a regular highway route.) If in the coming year more of this material is available work of resurfacing will be continued on the residential streets. Approximately 2,500 gallons of asphalt was also used for patching holes and broken shoulders.

The gravel roads were kept patched and scraped as usual. Necessary repairs were made on guard rails.

A very much needed drain was installed on Howard Street. All other drains and catch-basins were kept clear by regular cleanings.

In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Town Officials, all other departments and to the citizens of the Town for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

LELAND D. THOMPSON,

Surveyor of Highways.

REPORT OF THE WATER BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Board of Water Commissioners herewith submit their ninth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

This is the fourth full year of operation and the following is a comparison of the years 1942 and 1943.

	1942	1943
Total number of services installed.....	8	4
Total number of service connections.....	485	489
Total number of hydrants.....	102	102
Total number of Mains in use.....	16	16
Total number of Active services.....	335	370
Total Commitments.....	\$7,184.79	\$7,284.97
Total Expenditures.....	4,673.26	3,652.09
Total Pumpage (Gallons).....	23,115,000	22,762,000

We wish at this time to thank all who have assisted the department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. HARRIGAN

EVERETT F. HALEY

RICHARD H. SMITH

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

1943

Value of buildings	\$3,591,375 00
Value of land	1,386,090 00
Value of real estate	\$4,977,465 00
Value of personal estate	552,860 00
Total valuation of town	\$5,530,325 00
Tax on real estate	\$109,504 23
Tax on personal estate	12,162 92
Tax on polls	1,138 00
Total tax levy	\$122,805 15
Rate per thousand	\$22 00
Number of horses	110
Number of cows	112
Number of neat cattle	49
Number of swine	24
Number of sheep	25
Number of fowl	1250
Number of acres of land	8918
Number of dwellings	883
Number of persons and corporations assessed:	
Personal estate only	74
Personal and real estate	175
Real estate only	697

1943 RECAPITULATION

Total appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$142,495 94
Total appropriations taken from available funds in 1943	5,000 00
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years	1,514 47
State—Tax and assessments, 1943 estimates:	
State tax	4,100 00
State parks and reservations	103 93
State audit of Municipal Accounts	260 28
	4,464 21
County—Tax and assessments, 1943 estimates:	
County tax	\$7,239 71
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	3,161 67
	10,401 38
Overlay of current year	3,316 80
Gross amount to be raised	\$165,829 80

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Income Tax	\$15,195 77	
Corporation Taxes	4,914 84	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	2,500 00	
Licenses	900 00	
Fines	25 00	
Grants and Gifts	500 00	
Special Assessments—Moth Private	600 00	
Protection of Persons and Property	50 00	
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to dependent children)	1,500 00	
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	3,000 00	
Soldiers' Benefits	120 00	
Schools	2,000 00	
Libraries	2 50	
Public Service Enterprises		
(such as Water Dept., etc.)	5,500 00	
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	400 00	
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments	500 00	
Total estimated receipts		\$38,024 65
Amounts to be taken from available funds:		
Excess and deficiency	5,000 00	
Total available funds	\$5,000 00	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		\$43,024 65
Net amount to be raised by taxation on Polls and Property		\$122,805 15
Number of Polls 746 at \$2.00	\$1,138 00	
Total valuation at tax rate of \$23 20		
Personal Property	\$595,520 00	\$12,162 92
Real Estate	\$5,015,910 00	\$109,504 23
Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property		\$122,805 15
Betterment and special assessments:		
Moth	\$1,137 57	
Total Amount of all Taxes on Polls and Property and Assessments Committed to the Collector to Date of Fixing Tax Rate		\$123,942 72

RECAPITULATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Assessed in the Town of Hamilton for the 1943	
Number of cars	841
Total Motor Vehicle Excise committed	\$4,988 99

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Hamilton:

The 1944 tax rate on Motor Vehicles is \$35.85 per thousand. This is a small decrease over the year 1943.

When a person sells or transfers a Motor Vehicle a return of proof of sale must be made to the Assessors before any abatement can be made. If car is sold to a dealer forms may be obtained from dealer.

Applications for abatement for any kind of tax will not be accepted by

the Board unless filed within the time provided by law and on a form approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation.

We are sorry to announce the discontinuance of the W. P. A. Assessors project in 1942 as this is to be a great help to this office and to every taxpayer. We hope the Town will be able to find some way of completing this work which has been in progress a year.

The Board is now holding their Meetings at 7.30 Monday nights or any other time by appointment.

PLEASE READ ALL PRINTING ON YOUR TAX BILL

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE S. MANN
ROBERT H. CHITTICK
DONALD G. TRUSSELL

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Board of Public Welfare submits herewith its report for the year ending December 31st 1943.

Because of an unexpended balance in the Public Welfare appropriation of \$2,496.02 on December 31 1943 we are recommending \$5,000 for 1944 or \$1,000 less than in the previous year.

The Board feels that the appropriation for Aid to Dependent Children should remain the same as that of last year \$1,400. There was a balance in this division of \$83.83.

During the year legislation was enacted which became effective on September 8 providing for certain exemption of income of children of recipients of old age assistance before any contribution to the support of parents would be required. This made it necessary to readjust each case to conform with the law before that date. This was done and we are operating according to the new laws. We are asking \$10,000 for Old Age Assistance for 1944 \$500 less than last year.

On April 1, 1943 the distribution of Surplus Commodities was discontinued. This action was taken because notice had been received that after this date the Government would not assume the expense of conducting this project. After careful consideration of the facts which showed that the demands for commodities had been greatly reduced the Board felt that the expense involved did not justify its further continuance.

In closing we wish to thank our Agent Francis Whipple and all others who have assisted us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE R. STONE, *Chairman*
JOHN H. PERKINS
EDWARD A. DEWITT

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:

The Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit their report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1943

The Department responded to 48 alarms as follows: 3 stills, 4 out-of-town and 41 bells.

The amount of hose laid: 2½ inch, 3350 ft.; 1½ inch, 1100 ft.; ¾ inch, 3950 ft.; 4175 gals. of water was used from booster tanks.

The Engine House was painted.

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Street</i>
Feb.	3	25	Chimney, R. H. Smith, Cutler Road.		
	20	23	Chimney, Col. Colby, Main.		
Mar.	23	34	Chimney, Mrs. Grace T. Davidson, Highland.		
	23	13	Grass, G. K. Knowlton, Essex.		
	23	21	Closet, R. H. Chittick, Maple.		
	24	23	Tree, Myopia Club.		
	25	21	Grass, G. Smith & Dion, Cottage.		
	26	34	Grass, Frederic Winthrop, Highland.		
	27	21	Grass, Town of Hamilton, Main.		
	27	3-3-3	Brush, Out of Town.		
	27	25	Grass, R. H. Smith, Cutler Road.		
	28	21	Grass, Wm. Campbell, Asbury.		
	28	16	Grass, Helen Frick, Essex.		
Apr.	2	13	Grass, George Day, School.		
	7	21	Grass, Wm. Hoey, Hamilton Ave.		
	14	34	Brooder House, Mrs. Barrett, Highland.		
	24	21	Grass, S. K. Elliot, Mill.		
	24	16	Tractor, F. H. Prince, Essex.		
	24	25	Grass, B. & M. R. R.		
May	7	25	Grass Frank Appleton, Cutler Road.		
	9	41	Brooder House, W. J. Holmes, Highland.		
June	8	34	Pump House, Frederic Winthrop, Highland.		
	23	23	Grass, John T. Nightingale, Main.		
July	3	21	Fence, Dr. Sullivan, Willows.		
	16	23	Chimney, W. E. Deshon, Bridge.		
Aug.	3	24	House, Stapleton, Moulton.		
	3	3-3-3	Barn, Out of Town.		
Aug.	11	41	Oil Burner, W. J. Holmes, Highland.		
	18	21	Oil Burner, T. A. Moynihan, Willow.		
Oct.	13	21	Brush, T. A. Moynihan, Howard.		
	15	21	Brush, T. A. Moynihan, Howard.		
	22	3-3-3	Brush, Out of Town.		
	23	17	Cottage, Wm. McCarthy, Gregory's Island.		

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Street</i>
Nov.	5	31	Wood pile,	Geo. Dodge,	Grant Ave.
	24	21	House,	Arthur Southwick,	Asbury.
	24	21	House,	Arthur Southwick,	Asbury.
	28	25	Brush,	Harvard College,	Cutler Road.
Dec.	3	31	Automobile,	Highland.	
	5	31	Brush,	Katherine Winthrop,	Asbury.
	12	23	Grass,	Klate Holt,	Bridge.
	13	41	Automobile,	Highland.	
	18	21	Grass,	Town of Hamilton,	Main.
	21	3-3-3	Out of Town.		
	23	31	House,	Wallace Kenney,	Asbury.
	24	21	Grass,	Miss Altheu Tow,	Margery.
	24	31	Dump,	Frank Maione,	Asbury.
	26	23	Grass,	Geo. Harrigan,	Main.
	26	13	Grass,	Leland Thompson,	Prospect.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

EARL E. JOHNSON

Board of Engineers.

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The Board of Park Commissioners herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

During the past year the usual maintenance work was carried on at Soldier's Green and Chebacco Park. Together with this the baseball diamond at the Dorothy Winthrop Memorial lot, and the diamond on the new recreational field received proper care. Back stops at both fields were repaired. During the fall months, with the cooperation and financial assistance of Community Service and an anonymous donor, work was done by Connolly Bros. on improving the skating rink. When cold weather arrived and the pond was frozen, Community Service again furnished the funds to put up a regulation hockey rink from boards donated by the Myopia Club.

We wish to thank all those who helped in the flooding of this rink and particularly Larry Stone, Ray Sanford and the Water, Fire and Tree Departments for their contributions.

We are hoping that Mr. Ben Kronk, our regular Park employe, will be able to be with us next year, we having lost him to sickness this past season.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all persons who have assisted us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RALSTON F. PICKERING

FREDERICK P. GOODHUE

STANLEY E. ALLEN

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provision of Chapter 41, Section 35, of the General Laws, I submit herewith the annual report of the Treasury Department for the year ending December 31, 1943.

TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1943	\$43,563 01	
Receipts	198,522 62	
	<hr/>	\$242,085 63
Payments		\$177,837 66
Balance December 31, 1943		
Merchants National Bank of Salem	\$30,017 23	
Naumkeag Trust Company of Salem	28,649 15	
Cash on hand	5,581 59	
	<hr/>	\$64,247 97
		<hr/> \$242,085 63

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Balance December 31, 1943 per statement		\$34,834 88
Balance December 31, 1943 per check book	\$30,017 23	
Outstanding checks Dec. 31, 1943 per list	4,817 65	
	<hr/>	\$34,834 88

NAUMKEAG TRUST COMPANY

Balance December 31, 1943 per statement		\$28,782 60
Balance December 31, 1943 per check book	\$28,649 15	
Outstanding checks Dec. 31, 1943 per list	133 45	
	<hr/>	\$28,782 60

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the various Boards and Officials of the Town for the splendid cooperation which they have extended to me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted

BERNARD A. CULLEN

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The Board of Health submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1943:

The outstanding accomplishment during the past year was the inauguration of the Dental Clinic. For the last three years this important work has been carried on through the generosity of one of our citizens who established a trust fund which provided dental care for the children in the first six grades of our schools. This trust fund terminated in October 1943, at which time the Town assumed responsibility under the vote passed at the last annual town meeting.

Expenditures authorized by the Board for the last three months of 1943 were as follows: October \$90, November \$120, and December \$180, making a total of \$390. A balance of \$110 was returned by the Board.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DENTAL CLINIC

1. The name of the clinic shall be the Board of Health Dental Clinic.
2. A dentist shall be appointed annually in March for the ensuing year at a per diem compensation to be determined by the Board.
3. The clinic shall be conducted on Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 9 a. m. and 12 m. during the time that school is in session.
4. Children eligible to attend the first six grades of school only shall be entitled to the use of the clinic.
5. A nominal charge of 75 cents shall be made for each operation to aid in defraying the expenses of the clinic.
6. No child shall be treated unless the parents or guardians shall give written authorization on a form prepared by the Board of Health.
7. The written authorizations of parents or guardians as mentioned in No. 6 shall be the property of the Board of Health, and shall be kept on file by the dentist until the Board of Health shall direct otherwise.
8. The 75-cent charge shall be paid in advance and shall be collected by the school nurse, who shall pay the same to the Town Treasurer at the end of the calendar year, at the end of the school year, and oftener if it is deemed advisable.
9. The school nurse shall maintain a record of the names of each child attending the clinic, the date attending and the amount of money collected from each child and shall furnish the Board of Health with such record on December thirty-first of each year for the period of September first to December thirty-first, also at the end of the School year for the period January first to the end of the school year.

The Town is indeed appreciative of the generosity of our public benefactor, and your Board feels that a real contribution is being made to our youngsters in the first six grades of school, who will be assured of receiving expert dental care.

The town is fortunate in having Dr. John King who is recognized as a leader in his profession take charge of the clinic.

Miss Julia Burns the school nurse who has provided transportation for the children and has given gratuitously much of her time during the past two years has been engaged to continue her previous services.

All that remains to make the Dental Clinic a success is the cooperation of the parents. Your Board feels that this will be cheerfully given.

GARBAGE AND RUBBISH CONTRACTS

After rejecting all bids received on April twentieth and twenty-eighth, a contract for removal of garbage was awarded on May third to Newman Carter of Essex for a two-year period at an annual cost of \$1,400 per year. This price is the same as the previous year.

On the same date a contract for the removal of rubbish was awarded to Frank Maione at cost of \$1,320. This figure represents an increase of \$270 over last year. The terms of the contract have been carried out in a most satisfactory manner.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE REPORT

The number of contagious diseases reported during the year were as follows:

Anterior Poliomyelitis	1	Chicken Pox	4
Measles	23	Mumps	2
Scarlet Fever	2	Dog Bite	7
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	1	German Measles	20
Whooping Cough	1		<hr/>
			61

The splendid co-operation of Drs. Corcoran and Larchez, together with Miss Clementina Haynes, the District Nurse, and her assistants, Mrs. Smerage, Miss Doucette and Mrs. Ricker has been most helpful.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the various departments which have assisted us during the year.

JOHN H. PERKINS
LAWRENCE R. STONE
EDWARD A. DEWITT

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

Herewith is presented the fifty-first annual report.

The circulation of books for 1943 was 13,609; at the Main Library 2,736, a loss of 620; at the Branch Library 10,873, a loss of 232; circulation of magazines was 1,370; at the Main Library 796; at the Branch Library 574. Total circulation books and magazines 14,985.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

As might be expected, the past year was marked by a further decrease in library circulation. War conditions, with attendant departure of young people from the town, the demands of war work and the difficulties of transportation are, of course, the principal reasons. With the latter circumstances in mind the trustees saw fit to lengthen the borrowing period for books not in the immediate "best-seller" class.

Increased book costs without a corresponding budget increase during 1943 made necessary greater care than ever in book selections. The trustees have tried to meet the demand for the current war literature without sacrificing too greatly in other respects, particularly the juvenile and reference fields. The trustees feel that our library has kept well abreast of reading trends, and they ask the townspeople to verify this by visiting the library and making greater use of its facilities.

During the year, a number of the older volumes, principally of light fiction were distributed to service men at the Ipswich barracks and the Merchant Marine Headquarters in Boston. A collection of French novels was donated to seamen aboard French vessels stationed in this section.

The trustees are deeply appreciative of the friendly and faithful manner in which the librarians perform their duties. The remaining trustees also regret that Mr. Roland W. Payne will not again be a candidate for the board in the coming year. He has been a zealous and able fellow member.

Respectfully submitted,

BEATRICE B. HOLMES, Chm.
ROLAND W. PAYNE
JOHN NEARY, Sec.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

GENTLEMEN :

I herewith submit my report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Total number of arrests during the year, 16; divided as follows:

Classification of crime:

Drunks	8	Vagrant	1
Attempted rape	1	Driving to endanger	1
Larceny	1	Driving unreasonable rate of speed	2
Lewd and lascivious	1	Assault	1

DISTRICT COURT

Disposition of Cases

Released without arraignment ..	2	Fined	4
Sentenced to House of Correction	4	Appealed to Superior Court	3
Sentenced and put on probation..	3		

SUPERIOR COURT

Found guilty	2	Nol prossed	1
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ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS

Frederick	14	Poole	1
Whipple	1		
Arrests for out-of-town police	5		
Persons held at local police station and later released..	9		

SUMMONS SERVED

For out-of-town police by local police	21
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AUTOMOBILE REGULATIONS

Licenses revoked by Registrar of Motor Vehicles	4
Registration revoked by Registrar and plates returned by local police....	2
Automobile transfers by individuals	57
Automobile transfers by Class 1 dealers	18

REPORTS MADE BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Commissioner of Correction	4
To the Registrar of Motor Vehicles	17
To the Probation Officer	3

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS REPORTED

Causing injuries to persons	4
Causing damage to property only	11

TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS

Taken to the Hospital	7
Taken to their own homes	9
Taken to doctor's office for treatment	2

COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED

Frederick	205	Poole	36
Whipple	29		

MISCELLANEOUS

Automobiles reported stolen	1
Automobiles recovered	1
Lights reported out	78
Dangerous wires reported	7
Obstruction in the street reported to Highway Surveyor	2
Obstruction in the street reported to Tree Warden	3
Police assistance to out-of-town officers	14
Property reported stolen (value)	\$900 00
Property recovered (value)	\$750 00

A decrease in the number of complaints and crimes as compared to previous years is noticable. Automobile travel and accidents have been lessened, complaints concerning juvenile delinquency have been but very few.

The policy of having an officer on duty every evening from 5 P. M. has been continued, but the time has been extended from 12 P. M. to 1 A. M. This change was made in order to have an officer on duty when the last train arrived. This policy has proved very satisfactory and beneficial to the townspeople, affording them of an opportunity to readily contact the police department should it be necessary.

I wish to extend my appreciation to Mrs. Constance Williams for her continued generous cooperation in allowing me to leave my duties while in her employ to attend to police duties. Also I am very appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from my officers, members of the police departments of the neighboring cities and towns, Mr. Hugh Grieve of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Board of Selectmen, and all other persons who have assisted me in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD FREDERICK,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Board of Public Welfare:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Assistance granted during the year under General Relief and Aid to Dependent Children was to unemployable persons only. The number of persons receiving such assistance was reduced during the year because of employment being obtained by all persons able to work.

The number of old age assistance recipients have varied but very little. Legislation during the year greatly affected the administration of old age assistance, making it necessary to review each individual case and make changes in conformity with the law.

The cooperation rendered by the representatives of the State Department, the local physicians and the Visiting Nurse has been very generous and of great assistance. I wish to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to all who have assisted me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE
Welfare Agent.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD, 1943.

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The planning board is organized, and is ready to perform the various functions prescribed by the statute (General Laws, Chapter 41, Sections 81A - J), by authority of which its members were elected. Due to the pressure of both public and private affairs, incident upon the war, it has been unable as yet to make studies of the "resources, possibilities and needs" of the town.

It has collected, at private expense, various maps and plans, preparatory to making a "master" or study plan of the town. The preparation of such a plan is made discretionary with the board by Section 81B of the statute. However, if the board should deem it advisable to prepare such a plan, the statutory requirements as to its contents indicate that the cost of preparation would not be insignificant.

If the town feels that its planning board should proceed to exercise the various powers entrusted to it by law, consideration should be given to the advisability of placing funds at the board's disposal.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DE COURCY,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

We submit herewith our annual report for the year 1943.

For the eighth consecutive year, your Board is pleased to announce that there has been a reduction in the tax rate. We appreciate the fact that all departments co-operated in conducting their various activities so that expenses were held to a minimum, contributing largely in making this reduction possible.

The sum of three hundred dollars was appropriated at your last Town Meeting to erect a memorial to our sons and daughters who are serving in the armed forces of the country. On October 17, 1943 your Selectmen accepted the beautiful honor roll from the Committee, who had very efficiently carried out the work.

During 1943, the Federal Government notified the Board that the W.P.A. would be discontinued and in April all W.P.A. activities ceased. We had very few residents on the W.P.A. rolls and these were all taken care of through private enterprise or in defense work.

The outside of the Town Hall was given two coats of white paint, the contract for the work being awarded to the lowest bidder. We believe that, when conditions permit, it will be necessary to have some work done in the interior.

This year the Town observed the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation, and on June 21, 1943 a celebration was held in the Town Hall, with an interesting program.

May we take this opportunity to thank the various departments in the Town for their co-operation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. DEWITT, *Chairman*
JOHN H. PERKINS
LAWRENCE R. STONE

REPORT OF THE HAMILTON COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Hamilton Committee on Public Safety submits herewith its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943:

This is the third report issued since this Committee was created in 1940. The first year was one of planning and organization, the second saw the fulfillment of these plans, and this year, because the dangers of attack on our shores have been greatly reduced, an adjustment of full-time activity to part-time. Having established an effective organization is proof that our personnel is trained and should be able to discharge the missions entrusted to it. Furthermore, it is clear that the general public is now adequately informed concerning the alarm signals and the procedure to be followed when those signals are sounded. The townspeople have given the Committee their whole-hearted support and excellent coöperation.

REPORT CENTRE

The Report Centre, which is the vital connecting link between the Army and the civilian population, must be manned until such time as the military authorities inform us that there is no longer any need for its operations. Upon each Report Centre rests the full responsibility of alerting its inhabitants and mobilizing its local protective personnel. Each Committee must solve its individual needs by providing an adequate method of 24-hour coverage. After having been granted permission from State Headquarters, one of our Deputy Wardens and a local merchant have kindly agreed to receive the calls under the direction of the Executive Committee. This means that eighty-eight residents of Hamilton who have given so untiringly of their time in the manning of this Centre are now relieved of their tasks. To those members of the staff who were on the job night and day for the past year and a half the Committee expresses its heartfelt thanks.

SALVAGE COMMITTEE

While the duties of most all services connected with Civilian Defense have been reduced, such has not been the case with the Salvage Committee.

All through the year there have been collections of junk—keys, tin cans, silk stockings, paper and waste fats. In the one paper collection, which was made in November, over 3¾ tons were collected. The Girl Scouts have placed the Town among the leaders in the State through their outstanding work of collecting fats. Only recently over 1200 pounds of clothing have been collected, all of which had to be weighed, sorted and tagged before it was accepted by the Government authorities.

The position Hamilton holds in this vital salvage program is a tribute to Mrs. C. Donald Woodman and her energetic workers.

FIRE EQUIPMENT

During the year the Town has received from the Federal Government a 500-gallon pump trailer with 1200 feet of hose and all other essential equipment attached. This apparatus may be used by the Fire Department at all fires

whether or not caused by war hazards. It is valued at \$3000 and should be very useful to our firemen, particularly when called upon to handle grass fires.

Water Commissioner Everett P. Haley has kindly consented to act as Property Officer for this and any other equipment which we may receive from the Government in the future.

With the suspension of dimout regulations, the Committee has been partially relieved of an important military service at least temporarily. Dimout restrictions or variations in the dimout procedure may be reimposed at any time in the future. In the meantime our Air Raid Wardens, Medical Units, Blackout officials and all other services stand ready to assist when requested by military authorities.

No report of the measures taken to protect the town in time of war would be complete unless it contained commendation for the splendid manner in which members of A. P. Gardner Post American Legion have carried on the task of manning the observation post. While the public safety committee is not directly concerned with the work of the observation post, except as it provides financial support, it has been with a feeling of pride that your committee has watched the Legion carry on under extremely adverse conditions.

Recently there has been all over this country a wave of optimism. This optimism has unquestionably affected the attitude of the public toward our war effort, and has brought about a general relaxation in all phases of war work. This optimism, overconfidence or complacency—our attitude towards the war—whatever it may be called—is caused by a feeling that the war has been practically won, that Germany at least will soon collapse. Government and military leaders are continually warning the people against this overconfident attitude. Military authorities believe Germany capable of prolonged resistance and that Japan cannot be overcome without long and costly battles.

It is unfortunate that this attitude has gained such headway—even worse, it is a dangerous mood in which to face unexpected difficulties. Before we attain our goal—unconditional surrender—we must be prepared for terrific loss of life among the cream of our country. As a considered warning and as a statement of it's own position your committee can do no better than repeat the final paragraph of the report which it rendered last year:

“As the pendulum swings slowly toward a favorable conclusion of the war efforts of the United Nations, we must be eternally vigilant in our protective duties. The ends to which our enemies may turn in desperation are many and terrific. That through the negligence of overconfidence we should lose our slow gains is unthinkable. With the continued coöperation of those who cherish their town, its traditions and its future, your committee is confident that we shall carry on alertly during the coming year.”

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton Committee on Public Safety
 JOHN H. PERKINS,
Chairman.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss. *To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton:*

GREETINGS :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Monday, the sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-four (March 6, 1944), at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening (7.30 P. M.) then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1. "To bring in your ballots for:

Moderator for one year.
Town Clerk for one year.
Three Selectmen for one year.
Three Overseers of Public Welfare for one year.
Treasurer for one year.
Tax Collector for one year.
One Surveyor of Highways for one year.
Tree Warden for one year.
Three Constables for one year.
One Assessor for three years.
Three members of the School Committee for three years.
One Library Trustee for three years.
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
One Park Commissioner for three years.
One Water Commissioner for three years.
One Member of Planning Board for five years.

The above named officers to be voted for on one ballot on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1944 (March 14, 1944). The polls will be opened at 5.45 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 4.00 o'clock P. M."

Article 2. "To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town shall determine."

Article 3. "To hear the report of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon."

Article 4. "To raise and appropriate money for the Schools, Highways and all other expenses and determine the manner of expending same."

Article 5. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for the preservation of health and protection of persons and property, to purchase equipment, uniforms and supplies for auxilliary fire and police departments, air-raid wardens, first aid rescue squads, continuance of

present town defense committee and other essential units of defense, to provide for the training of its citizens in first aid and other matters essential to civilian defense, and to provide for such other means as may be necessary in the national emergency for the protection of the people and property in the Town, or take any action thereon."

Article 6. "To see if the Town will vote, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, to transfer the sum of \$11,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to Maturing Debt, or take any action thereon."

Article 7. "To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the present Selectmen's Unemployed Appropriation to Selectmen's Appropriation the unexpended balance for unemployment raised and appropriated under Article 7 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held March 2, 1942, or take any action thereon."

Article 8. "To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase a one-half ton motor truck for the use and maintenance of the Hamilton Water Department and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon."

Article 9. "To see if the Town will acquire by purchase from Emily P. Mandell of Hamilton, a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Bridge Street, in said Hamilton, and adjoining the pumping station premises of the Hamilton Water System, containing substantially 40,000 square feet of land more or less, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon."

Article 10. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of various streets, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State for this purpose, or take any action thereon."

Article 11. "To see if the Town will vote, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to the Reserve Fund, or take any action thereon."

Article 12. "To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote passed under Article 16 at the annual town meeting held March 1, 1943, providing for the sale by the town in separate parcels of the premises situated at 45 School Street, East Hamilton, by striking out all the words contained in said vote beginning with the word "that" in the first line thereof and ending with the word "transaction" in the eleventh line thereof, and substitute therefor the following:

Voted: That the town sell to the highest bidder, at public auction or at private sale, the premises 45 School Street, East Hamilton, containing substantially 7,883 square feet of land, more or less, with the build-

ings thereon, and that the Selectmen in their descretion be and hereby are authorized and empowered in behalf of the town with full powers to do any and all things necessary to consummate the transaction and execute and deliver the necessary deed or deeds therefor.

Article 13. "To see if the town will vote to have a committee of five, to be appointed by the moderator, to study post-war problems as they may affect the Town of Hamilton and to report the result of their investigations with recommendations to the annual town meeting for 1945, or at a special meeting called earlier for such purpose if necessary.

Article 14. "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, and execute and deliver a deed or deeds therefor, land of low value, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure as provided for under Chapter 60 or the General Laws and amendments thereto, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such public auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action thereon."

Article 15. "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1945 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto."

Article 16. "To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto."

Article 17. "To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting."

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at each of the three postoffices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 31st day of January, A. D. 1944.

A true copy, Attest:

EDWARD A. DEWITT
JOHN H. PERKINS
LAWRENCE R. STONE

Selectmen of Hamilton.

A true copy, Attest:

GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN,

Town Clerk.

REPORT

of the

FINANCE

and

ADVISORY

COMMITTEE

1943

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The town enters the New Year in excellent financial condition. It has added a considerable amount to the excess and deficiency fund and has a substantial cash balance. Several factors have contributed to this situation: the usual careful management of town departments, the generally prevailing conditions which have made it impossible to obtain sufficient material to carry out some of the projects planned for the past year, the substantial reduction in the demand for unemployment funds, and the lack so far of heavy snow expense.

The principal financial problem confronting the town at this time is that of increased wages and salaries. Salaries have been increased in the past few years based on increased duties. This year there have been some requests for further increases. Your Finance Committee has devoted a great deal of time and thought to this matter. Justification of salary increases is based on a general increase in the cost of living. It seemed only fair, therefore, that your Finance Committee consider the salaries of the town officials in that light and since the increase in the cost of living has affected everyone, to recommend that all be treated alike.

Furthermore, since the conditions prevailing today are so unusual and so likely to change, it was felt that any treatment designed to compensate for these conditions should be of a temporary nature, subject to review at the next town meeting.

After careful consideration of the various factors, bearing in mind that among the taxpayers of the town who must assume the burden of increased salaries are some whose incomes may have remained fixed or even decreased, and also the need of keeping the town in sound financial condition, your committee recommends a flat 15 per cent temporary increase for the 12 months' period from town meeting 1944 to town meeting 1945. It is felt that if the remainder of our recommendations are adhered to this temporary increase may be granted with no increase in the tax rate.

	1943	1944
	Appropriation	Recommendation
Selectmen, salaries	\$1,000 00	\$1,150 00
expenses	300 00	300 00
Unemployment Fund (carry over)	(3,981 13)	
Accounting	1,475 00	1,678 00
Treasurer, salary	800 00	920 00
expenses	325 00	285 00
special (Land Court)	70 00	
Tax Collector, salary	1,000 00	1,150 00
expenses	460 00	485 00
Assessors, salaries	800 00	920 00
expenses	1,000 00	980 00
special (Record Work)	500 00	

	1943	1944
	Appropriation	Recommendation
Other Finance Accounts	15 00	15 00
Town Clerk, salary	650 00	748 00
expenses	150 00	150 00
Law, salary	600 00	690 00
Election and Registration	800 00	1,530 00
Town Hall	3,000 00	3,180 00
special (Painting and repairs)	1,000 00	
Police	3,200 00	3,560 00
Fire	3,000 00	3,203 00
special (Painting Fire House)	200 00	
Moth, Town	2,500 00	2,700 00
private	1,300 00	1,200 00
Tree Warden	900 00	1,100 00
Forest Fire Warden	85 00	90 00
Sealer	300 00	330 00
Health	2,700 00	3,530 00
Dental Clinic	500 00	2,200 00
Inspector of Animals	75 00	137 00
Highways, salary	2,000 00	2,300 00
expenses	10,800 00	10,310 00
Chapter 90, Maintenance		800 00
snow	5,500 00	5,500 00
Street Lighting	7,200 00	7,200 00
Public Welfare	6,000 00	5,100 00
Veterans' Benefits	(1,000 00)	1,500 00
State and Military Aid	200 00	200 00
Old Age Assistance	10,500 00	10,100 00
Administration	1,000 00	1,000 00
Aid to Dependent Children, assistance ...	1,400 00	1,400 00
Administration	25 00	25 00
Schools	**47,830 00	*51,317 33
Vocational	300 00	300 00
Cafeteria—High	2,375 00	2,400 00
Cafeteria—Lamson	1,500 00	2,500 00
Screens and shades	85 00	170 00
Sealing and Waxing Floors, first floor	75 00	
Painting High, Interior.. ..		650 00
Repairs and Tar, High School roof ..		200 00
Retirement Fund Assess., teacher in		
Armed Forces		160 00
Public Library	2,365 00	2,525 00
American Legion	300 00	300 00
Boiler Insurance	150 00	60 00
Honor Roll	300 00	
Insurance	1,325 00	1,250 00
Memorial Day	300 00	325 00
Parks	450 00	500 00

	1943	1944
	Appropriation	Recommendation
Reserve Fund	2,500 00	3,000 00
Town Clock	50 00	57 50
Town Reports	500 00	600 00
150th Anniversary	300 00	
Water Department	3,325 00	4,460 00
Special	1,371 82	
Building		500 00
Truck		1,025 00
Cemetery	1,230 00	2,055 00
Interest	2,600 00	2,300 00
Maturing Debt	7,000 00	(11,000 00)
Trans. from Surplus	(5,000 00)	
Civilian Defense....	1,700 00	1,200 00
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$151,261 82	\$155,520 83

** Includes Dog Tax 1943—\$365.88.

* Plus Dog Tax 1944, \$515.97. We recommend that receipts from the Dog Tax in 1944 be transferred to the School Department appropriation.

We favor the adoption of article No. 5, Civilian Defense, which is included above.

Article 6 calls for a transfer of \$11,000 from the Excess and Deficiency fund to the item of Maturing Debt which we approve.

Article 7, we approve.

Article 8, calls for an appropriation to purchase a truck for the Water Department, which we favor and is included in our recommendations above.

Article 9, we favor an appropriation to purchase additional Real property for use of the Water Department and is included in our recommendations above.

Respectfully submitted,
 THEODORE A. HOLLAND
 JOHN KING
 PERCIVAL D. WHIPPLE
 ERNEST F. STOCKWELL
 JOHN R. HOLLISTER

REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

1943

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the General Laws, I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943, arranged as follows:

Detailed accounts of all moneys received by the town as classified in accordance with the requirements of the Division of Accounts of the State.

Details of all departmental accounts showing the appropriations, transfers, expenditures and balances. The expenditures are classified in accordance with the requirements of the Division of Accounts.

A balance sheet as of December 31, 1943, showing debit and credit balances on all open ledger accounts.

It is always a satisfaction to report an unexpended balance in our annual budget. By careful management throughout the year by all departments we had an unexpended balance of \$10,282.17. There was also a surplus in Estimated Receipts of \$17,195.55. These two balances have been added to the Excess and Deficiency account giving us the largest surplus in the history of the town. The cash balance at the end of the fiscal year, December 31, 1943, was \$64,247.97. This is also a new record.

The year 1943 was the first one in over thirty years that the Cash surplus was so large the town did not have to borrow during the year in anticipation of revenue. This is a record the citizens of the town may well be proud of. In addition our tax rate was reduced for the eighth consecutive year and is now the lowest it has been since 1924.

Credit should be given to the Town Collector for the excellent work done by that department. The outstanding taxes are less than they have been for a number of years and the town ranks sixth in the state in the collection of taxes. In addition the tax titles amount to only \$139.51. This is a new low.

I wish to express my thanks to your Board, each and every Town Department and all townspeople for the helpful cooperation I have received during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE GIBNEY HARADEN

Town Accountant.

Receipts

TAXES

Current year :			
Poll	\$	1,196 00	
Personal		11,218 90	
Real Estate		94,301 05	
		<hr/>	\$106,715 95
Previous Years :			
Personal	\$	1,149 68	
Real		20,239 59	
		<hr/>	21,389 27
Tax Title Redemptions		418 80	
		<hr/>	418 80

LICENSES

Liquor	1,400 00	
Revolver	16 00	
Lord's Day	10 00	
Common Victualler's	6 00	
Milk	10 00	
Junk	30 00	
Oleo	1 00	
Pedlar's	2 00	
Garage	2 00	
Taxi	1 00	
	<hr/>	1,478 00
		<hr/>

GRANTS FROM STATE

Income Tax	16,565 00	
Business Corp. Tax	7,374 84	
Meal Tax	316 54	
	<hr/>	24,256 38

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From County :		
Dog Licenses	365 88	
From State :		
Vocational Education	98 81	
	<hr/>	464 69

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Moth	1,162 02	
	<hr/>	1,162 02
Carried forward		<hr/>
		\$155,885 11

Brought forward

\$155,885 11

PRIVILEGES

Motor Vehicle Excise	4,891 28	
	<hr/>	4,891 28

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:		
Fines	5 00	
Inspection:		
Sealer's Fees	27 37	
Services of Dog Officer	3 00	
	<hr/>	35 37

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen Unemployed	5 15	
Civilian Defense	12 28	
	<hr/>	17 43

HEALTH

State	263 57	
Dental Clinic	98 25	
	<hr/>	361 82

PUBLIC WELFARE

Temporary Aid. Support and burials		
From State	412 87	
Cities and Towns	590 10	
Individuals	377 26	
	<hr/>	1,380 23
Aid to Dependent Children		
From State	1,085 80	
	<hr/>	1,085 80
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	7,619 06	
From Cities and Towns	179 21	
From Individuals	1 92	
	<hr/>	7,800 19
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	7,825 60	
Old Age Administration	262 43	
Aid to Dependent Children Assistance	737 50	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	117 46	
	<hr/>	8,942 99
Carried forward		<hr/>
		\$180,400 22

Brought forward		\$180,400 22
SOLDIERS' RELIEF		
State Aid	120 00	
	<hr/>	120 00
SCHOOLS		
Cafeteria—High School	1,458 65	
Cafeteria—Lamson School	1,666 19	
Tuition	745 50	
Manual Training	14 25	
Sale of Typewriters	129 17	
	<hr/>	4,013 76
PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Fines	9 83	
Income from Trust Funds	37 76	
	<hr/>	47 59
WATER DEPARTMENT		
Meter Rates	7,067 44	
Service Connections	313 04	
	<hr/>	7,380 48
CEMETERY		
Care of Lots and Graves	380 50	
Opening Graves	183 00	
Care of Endowed Lots	308 50	
Sale of Lots and Graves	513 00	
	<hr/>	1,385 00
INTEREST		
On Deferred Taxes and Water	624 92	
	<hr/>	624 92
AGENCY AND TRUST		
Dog Licenses for County	703 00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	775 00	
Victory Tax	878 34	
Withholding Tax	2,082 12	
	<hr/>	4,438 46
REFUNDS		
Departmental	112 19	
	<hr/>	112 19
BALANCES		
General Cash, Jan. 1, 1943	43,563 01	
	<hr/>	43,563 01

Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN

Salaries:

Edward A. DeWitt	379 18	
John H. Perkins	320 82	
Lawrence R. Stone	300 00	
George Gibney Haraden, Clerk	50 00	
	<hr/>	1,050 00

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery, Postage	40 89	
Dues Selectmen's Association	9 00	
Conference Expenses	10 00	
Recording Deeds and Plan	9 45	
Law Supplement	15 00	
Administering Oaths	9 00	
Settlement of Claims	60 00	
All Other	25 15	
	<hr/>	178 49
		<hr/>
		1,228 49

ACCOUNTING

Salary:

George G. Haraden	1,350 00	
	<hr/>	1,350 00

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery, Postage	38 42	
Equipment and Supplies	86 30	
	<hr/>	124 72
		<hr/>
		1,474 72

TREASURY

Salary:

Bernard A. Cullen	800 00	
	<hr/>	800 00

Other Expenses:

Surety Bonds	151 50	
Burglary Insurance	35 00	
Repairs Check Writer	21 75	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	89 28	
	<hr/>	297 53
		<hr/>
		1,097 53

Carried forward

\$3,800 74

Brought forward

\$3,800 74

COLLECTOR

Salary:

Bertha L. Crowell	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	1,000 00

Other Expenses:

Surety Bond	212 00	
Advertising Tax Sale	10 00	
Deputy Collector's Bond	5 00	
Burglary Insurance	35 00	
Preparing and Recording Deeds Tax Sale	4 38	
Printing, Stationary, Postage and Supplies	193 62	
	<hr/>	460 00
		<hr/>
		1,460 00

ASSESSORS

Salaries:

Jesse S. Mann	350 00	
Robert H. Chittick	225 00	
Donald G. Trussell	225 00	
	<hr/>	800 00

Outside Assessing:

Robert H. Chittick	85 00	
Donald G. Trussell	85 00	
	<hr/>	170 00

Clerical Work:

Robert H. Chittick	185 00	
M. B. Chittick	25 00	
Jesse S. Mann	55 00	
Alexina D. Morrow	112 00	
Donald G. Trussell	127 00	
	<hr/>	504 00

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery, Postage	11 14	
Transportation	80 00	
Deed Abstractor	130 04	
Repairs Typewriter	6 50	
Dues and Attending Assessor's Conventions	18 00	
	<hr/>	245 68
		<hr/>
		1,719 68

ASSESSORS' SPECIAL

Alexina D. Morrow	580 00	
	<hr/>	580 00

Carried forward

\$7,560 42

Brought forward

\$7,560 42

OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS

Mass. Finance Committee Association Dues 10 00

10 00

LAW DEPARTMENT

Salary:

Robert B. Walsh 600 00

600 00

TOWN CLERK

Salary:

George Gibney Haraden 650 00

650 00

Other Expenses:

Surety Bond 5 00

Administering Oaths 19 50

Recording Fees 85 75

Printing, Stationery, Postage 24 35

Conference Expenses 15 00

149 60

799 60

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries:

Frank W. Buzzell 50 00

John F. Counihan 50 00

Daniel F. Crowley 41 68

George G. Haraden 50 00

191 68

ANNUAL LISTING CHAP. 440, ACTS AND RESOLVES OF 1938

Frank W. Buzzell 50 00

John F. Counihan 50 00

Daniel F. Crowley 50 00

George G. Haraden 50 00

200 00

Other Expenses:

Election Officers 150 00

Ballots 30 50

Voting Lists 12 50

Printing, Stationery, Postage 106 87

Stenographic Reports 35 00

Food 65 29

All Other 7 92

408 08

799 76

Carried forward

\$9,769 78

Brought forward

\$9,769 78

TOWN HALL

Salary:

George H. Haraden	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	1,200 00

Other Expenses:

Telephone	195 54	
Fuel	503 12	
Light	421 90	
Post Office Box Rent	1 80	
Water	32 00	
Janitors Supplies	26 55	
Repairs	508 77	
Painting Flag Pole	33 00	
Gas	6 05	
Grounds	26 79	
All Other	42 87	
	<hr/>	1,798 39
		<hr/>
		2,998 39

TOWN HALL SPECIAL

Donald G. Trussell, Contract	950 00	
Donald G. Trussell, Extra	50 00	
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		1000 00

SELECTMEN UNEMPLOYED

TOWN CONTRIBUTION TO W. P. A. PROJECTS AND WORK RELIEF

Administration:

Alexina D. Morrow, Coordinator	405 00	
Office Supplies	17 75	
	<hr/>	422 75

School Lunch:

Food	199 32	
Gas	36 41	
	<hr/>	235 73

Truck:

Gasoline, Oil, Repairs	42 50	
	<hr/>	42 50

Commissary:

Labor and Supplies	7 35	
	<hr/>	7 35

Cemetery:

Roy Whipple, Labor	416 00	
	<hr/>	416 00

Carried forward

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\$1,124 33	\$13,768 17	

Brought forward		\$1,124 33	\$13,768 17
Rationing Board :			
Jesse W. Cunningham, Clerical	528 00		
Walfred B. Sellman, Clerical	504 00		
Rent	75 00		
Fuel	21 34		
Light	9 20		
Stove	70 00		
Repairs to Equipment	45 00		
Repairs to Office	33 62		
Blackout Curtain	18 60		
Office, Supplies, Postage, etc.	40 38		
	<hr/>	1,345 14	
Parks :			
Labor	32 00		
	<hr/>	32 00	
Miscellaneous Labor	16 00		
	<hr/>	16 00	
		<hr/>	2,517 47

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Administration :			
Alexina D. Morrow	370 00		
Printing, Stationery, Postage	8 05		
	<hr/>	378 05	
Report Center :			
Fuel	113 87		
Rent	152 06		
Electrical Current	45 95		
Plumbing Repairs	40 47		
Telephones	167 89		
Janitor	102 00		
Matron	29 53		
All Other	21 29		
	<hr/>	673 06	
Observation Post :			
Fuel	56 48		
Telephone	21 96		
Repairs	94 31		
Plumbing Repairs	24 00		
All Other	21 99		
	<hr/>	218 74	
Carried forward		\$1,269 85	\$16,285 64

Brought forward		\$1,269 85	\$16,285 64
Medical Center:			
Telephone	32 04		
Supplies	5 10		
	<hr/>	37 14	
Shelter Signs		30 82	
Air Raid Cards		14 05	
Deputy Warden Signs		5 00	
Siren, Electric Current		69 00	
Identification Photos		11 25	
Property Officer Bond		5 00	
		<hr/>	1,442 11
STATE GUARD			
Uniforms	89 61		
	<hr/>		89 61
POLICE			
Salaries and Wages:			
Edward Frederick, Chief	895 80		
Charles F. Poole	478 80		
Francis H. Whipple	528 80		
Hugh C. Wentworth	184 80		
Harold C. Smerage	86 40		
George H. Haraden	41 40		
Other Patrolmen	70 60		
	<hr/>	2,286 60	
Other Expenses:			
Dog Officer	81 83		
Transportation	200 00		
Equipment and Repairs	249 77		
Telephone	103 63		
Fuel and Light	66 20		
Rent	184 27		
All Other	23 68		
	<hr/>	909 38	
		<hr/>	3,195 98
FIRE			
Salaries and Wages:			
Wages	751 00		
Drivers	210 00		
Care of Alarm	200 00		
Clerk	50 00		
	<hr/>	1,211 00	
Carried forward		\$1,211 00	\$21,013 34

Brought forward		\$1,211 00	\$21,013 34
Equipment and Repairs:			
Apparatus	90 50		
Hose	14 40		
Gasoline	46 78		
All Other	70 84		
	<hr/>	222 52	
Building and Grounds:			
Janitor	200 00		
Fuel	153 70		
Repairs	96 00		
Light	48 86		
Water	17 00		
Gas	6 05		
All Other	9 10		
	<hr/>	530 71	
Other Expenses:			
Telephones	112 35		
Insurance	162 11		
	<hr/>	274 46	
		<hr/>	2,238 69

FIRE SPECIAL

Finlay D. MacDonald, Painting	200 00		
	<hr/>		200 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary:			
Erving O. Maxwell	200 00		
	<hr/>	200 00	
Other Expenses:			
Transportation	64 30		
Equipment	10 70		
	<hr/>	75 00	
		<hr/>	275 00

MOTH TOWN

Wages:			
Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	928 20		
Edward A. Underhill	649 30		
Thomas Green	80 00		
Ernest M. Haraden	110 40		
R. Tobyne	86 40		
Frank Dane	28 80		
	<hr/>	1,883 10	
Carried forward		<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$1,883 10	\$23,727 03

Brought forward

\$1,883 10 \$23,727 03

Other Expenses:

Trucks	90 00
Equipment	9 08
Insecticides	169 45
Storage	66 00
Insurance	70 66
Telephone	19 85
Gasoline, Oil, Repairs	143 91

 568 95

 2,452 05

MOTH PRIVATE PROPERTY

Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	366 90
Edward A. Underhill	274 70
Ernest M. Haraden	35 80
R. Tobyne	38 80

 716 20

Other Expenses:

Insecticides	296 63
Insurance	50 00
Trucks	40 00
All Other	21 12

 407 75

 1,123 95

TREE WARDEN

Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	428 55
Edward A. Underhill	267 30
Thomas Green	82 00

 777 85

Other Expenses:

Equipment	60 00
Insurance	50 00
Gasoline, Oil	7 56

 117 56

 895 41

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Fred Berry, Warden
Telephone

30 00
33 24

 63 24

Carried forward

 \$28,261 68

Brought forward

\$28,261 68

HEALTH

General Administration:

Salaries:

John H. Perkins	44 80
Lawrence R. Stone	25 00
Edward A. DeWitt	30 20
Francis H. Whipple, Clerk	50 00

150 00

Other Expenses:

Printing, Stationery, Postage	7 70
Other Cities	125 00
Medicine and Medical Attendance	16 00
Collection Garage and Rubbish	2,601 20
Burying Animals	18 00
Essex Sanatorium	39 00
Inspector of Milk	50 00

2,856 90

3,006 90

ASSESSMENT BY COUNTY

Essex Sanatorium	3,161 67
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3,161 67

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Ernest M. Barker, Inspector	75 00
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75 00

DENTAL CLINIC

Dr. John King	390 00
Printing and Postage	12 03

402 03

HIGHWAYS

General Administration:

Leland D. Thompson, Surveyor	2,000 00
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2,000.00

Salaries and Wages:

Winfield W. Hughes	995 40
Frank C. Back	976 20
Thomas Green	678 60
Henry Tobyne	71 40
All Others	630 80

3,352 40

Carried forward

\$5,352 40

\$34,907 28

Brought forward

\$5,352 40 \$34,907 28

General Expenses:

Trucks	155 41	
Gravel, Stone, Tarvia	2,553 04	
Equipment and Repairs	243 43	
Insurance	220 13	
Telephone	23 29	
Storage	95 00	
All Other	460 41	
	<hr/>	3,750 71

9,103 11

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Wages:

Winfield W. Hughes	493 20	
Frank C. Back	397 10	
Henry Tobyne	280 20	
John Walke	106 20	
Thomas Green	69 90	
All Others	780 05	
	<hr/>	2,126 65

Other Expenses:

Trucks	2,178 55	
Sand	183 56	
Insurance	112 10	
Storage	65 00	
All Other	725 91	
	<hr/>	3,265 12

5,391 77

STREET LIGHTING

Beverly Gas and Electric Co.

7,011 00

7,011 00

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

PUBLIC WELFARE

General Administration:

Lawrence R. Stone	50 00	
Edward A. DeWitt	25 00	
John H. Perkins	25 00	
Francis H. Whipple, Clerk	50 00	
Francis H. Whipple, Agent	512 09	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	32 50	
	<hr/>	694 59

Carried forward

\$694 59

\$56,413 16

Brought forward		\$694 59	\$56,413 16
Other Expenses:			
Groceries and Provisions	148 83		
Coal and Wood	67 59		
Rent	48 00		
Medicine and Medical Attendance	338 10		
Cash Grants to Individuals	1,035 00		
Relief by Other Cities	379 67		
Relief by Other Towns	431 12		
All Other	361 08		
	<hr/>	2,809 39	
		<hr/>	3,503 98
<i>Aid to Dependent Children (Town) Assistance</i>			
Cash Grants	1,316 17		
	<hr/>		1,316 17
<i>Aid to Dependent Children (Federal) Assistance</i>			
Cash Grants	567 21		
	<hr/>		567 21
<i>Old Age Assistance (Town)</i>			
Cash Grants	10,114 78		
	<hr/>		10,114 78
<i>Old Age Administration (Town)</i>			
Francis H. Whipple, Agent	794 25		
Printing, Stationery, Postage	204 84		
	<hr/>		999 09
<i>Old Age Assistance (Federal)</i>			
Cash Grants	7,300 76		
	<hr/>		7,300 76
<i>Old Age Administration (Federal)</i>			
Francis H. Whipple, Agent	382 59		
Printing, Stationery, Postage	21 40		
	<hr/>		403 99
SOLDIERS' BENEFITS			
Medicine and Medical Attendance	54 43		
	<hr/>		54 43
STATE AID			
Cash Grants	120 00		
	<hr/>		120 00
Carried forward			<hr/> \$80,793 57

Brought forward

\$80,793 57

SCHOOLS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Raymond C. Wass, Supt.	3,524 98	
Elizabeth Edmondson, Clerk	1,324 97	
Truant Officer and Census Enumerator	40 00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	54 76	
Telephone	154 68	
Traveling Expenses	84 32	
Conference Expenses	23 00	
All Other	9 65	
		5,216 36

TEACHERS SALARIES

May Lundgren	733 28	
Ilmi Anderson	800 00	
Marion S. Batchelder	1,516 64	
Marion C. Joseph	1,566 68	
Margaret K. Batchelder	1,466 68	
Ellen Duffy	1,466 68	
Edith Anderson	1,616 68	
Wilhelmenia Ready	900 00	
Hazel Ramer	1,616 68	
Laura W. Boyd	1,766 68	
Frank J. Malone	2,249 97	
Beatrice Edmondson	489 37	
Betty Herndon	800 00	
Mary E. Schouler	151 68	
Maude Elliott	843 75	
Russell L. Martin	534 99	
Warren D. Bennett	106 68	
John H. Robinson	250 00	
Maude L. Thomas	500 00	
Elliott Hawks	155 55	
Doris Bennett	1,399 92	
Blanche Mason	561 00	
Doris Foster	26 00	
Carolyn Lander	14 00	
Mary Counihan	408 00	
George Fillion	923 40	
Ann Neary	20 00	
Eldora Lidback	466 64	
Elizabeth Lawrence	433 32	
Barbara Barsantee	466 64	
Carried forward	\$24,250 91	\$5,216 36
		\$80,793 57

Brought forward	\$24,250 91	\$5,216 36	\$80,793 57
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Betsey Barber	466 64		
Corinne Hallett	466 64		
Priscilla McGlynn	400 00		
Millicent Boswell	433 32		
Carl T. Martini	272 00		
		26,289 51	

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES

High

Text and Reference Books	705 71		
Supplies	676 30		
		1,382 01	

Elementary

Text and Reference Books	158 88		
Supplies	299 33		
		458 21	
Domestic Science		474 22	
Manual Training		243 02	
Transportation		5,100 00	

JANITORS' SERVICES

Andrew Dunn	1,533 32		
Hovey Humphrey	1,350 00		
James Perron	650 04		
John L. Varnum	249 96		
		3,783 32	

FUEL, LIGHT, WATER AND GAS

High	1,121 73		
Elementary	737 19		
		1,858 92	

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

High

Repairs	559 58		
Janitors' Supplies	354 63		
All Other	113 43		
		1,027 64	

Elementary

Repairs	433 35		
Janitors' Supplies	183 33		
		616 68	

Carried forward	\$46,449 89	\$80,793 57
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Brought forward		\$46,449 89	\$80,793 57
Athletic Equipment		39 96	
Films		72 23	
Diplomas and Graduation Exercises		53 30	
SCHOOL HEALTH			
Dr. John G. Corcoran	395 00		
Julia Burns	810 00		
	<hr/>	1,205 00	
		<hr/>	47,820 38
SCHOOL CAFETERIA HIGH			
Madeline MacGregor	120 00		
Margaret Back	324 00		
Food	1,918 20		
Equipment	11 75		
	<hr/>		2,373 95
SCHOOL CAFETERIA LAMSON			
Madeline MacGregor	390 00		
Margaret Ostrom	318 00		
M. Brumby	19 20		
Maude Elliott	28 80		
Sundry Persons	8 40		
Food	1,148 95		
Gas	39 77		
Equipment	47 75		
	<hr/>		2,000 87
WAXING FLOORS			
Contract			75 00
SHADES			
Forse Corp.			85 00
VOCATIONAL			
City of Beverly			216 75
PUBLIC LIBRARY			
LIBRARIANS			
Lydia L. Haraden	500 00		
Jennie S. Perley	300 00		
	<hr/>	800 00	
Books	981 48		
Periodicals	92 75		
	<hr/>	1,074 23	
Carried forward		\$1,874 23	\$133,365 52

Brought forward

\$1,874 23 \$133,365 52

FUEL AND LIGHT

Fuel	20 64	
Light	14 33	
	<hr/>	34 97

BUILDINGS

Rent	330 00	
Repairs	20 30	
Janitor	25 00	
Removal Ashes	6 00	
	<hr/>	381 30

OTHER EXPENSES

Stationery and Postage	34 69	
All Other	42 50	
	<hr/>	77 19
		<hr/>
		2,367 69

UNCLASSIFIED

MEMORIAL DAY

Bands, Flags, Printing, Flowers	300 00	
	<hr/>	300 00

TOWN CLOCK

Care	50 00	
	<hr/>	50 00

TOWN REPORTS

Printing and Distributing	499 96	
	<hr/>	499 96

BLANKET FIRE INSURANCE

Insurance	1,038 21	
War Damage Insurance	242 40	
	<hr/>	1,280 61

PARKS

Labor	322 00	
Truck	22 00	
Excavating Skating Rink	200 00	
Tools, Supplies, Fertilizer, Seed	64 93	
	<hr/>	608 93

Carried forward

\$138,472 71

Brought forward

\$138,472 71

AMERICAN LEGION

Rent, Light, Heat	300 00	
	<hr/>	300 00

150TH ANNIVERSARY

Speaker, Booklet, Postage	299 45	
	<hr/>	299 45

BOILER INSURANCE

Insurance	79 80	
	<hr/>	79 80

HONOR ROLL

Construction and Erection	300 00	
	<hr/>	300 00

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERY

WATER SPECIAL

Engineering	1,153 88	
	<hr/>	1,153 88

WATER

Malcolm P. Brown, Supt.	672 00	
Malcolm P. Brown, Transportation	72 00	
J. Edward Cox, Supt.	980 00	
J. Edward Cox, Transportation	84 00	
Alexina D. Morrow, Clerk	250 00	
Current	883 30	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	42 65	
Telephone	68 77	
Fuel	130 70	
Insurance	44 40	
New England Water Works Ass'n, dues	15 00	
Labor	22 80	
Repairs to Roof	40 00	
Repairs to Adding Machine	20 00	
Equipment, Parts and Repairs	252 15	
All Other	74 32	
	<hr/>	3,652 09

Carried forward

\$144,257 93

Brought forward

\$144,257 93

CEMETERY

Administrative:

Raymond A. Whipple	15 00
John T. Walke	15 00
Lawrence C. Foster	15 00
Lawrence C. Foster, Clerk	75 00

120 00

Other Expenses:

Ernest E. MacGregor, Supt.	1,244 20
Labor	91 50
Loam	120 00
Trees and Shrubs	18 00
Equipment	21 50
Telephone	29 96
Truck Expense	58 83
All Other	47 34

1,631 33

1,751 33

INTEREST

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital Bonds	21 25
High School Bonds	1,487 50
Water Bonds	968 75
Water Notes	15 00

2,492 50

MATURING DEBT

Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital Bond	1,000 00
High School Bonds	5,000 00
Water Bonds	5,000 00
Water Note	1,000 00

12,000 00

AGENCY

County of Essex, County Tax	7,703 14
County of Essex, Dog Licenses	711 40
Com. of Mass., State Tax	4,100 00
Com. of Mass., State Parks	99 47
Com. of Mass., State Audit	260 28
Collector of Internal Revenue, Withholding Tax	2,960 46

15,834 75

Carried forward

\$176,336 51

Brought forward

\$176,336 51

TRUST

Cemetery Sale of Lots	610 50	
Cemetery Deposits for Endowment	775 00	
	<hr/>	1,385 50

REFUNDS

Taxes	23 32	
Motor Vehicle Excise	41 25	
All Other	51 08	
	<hr/>	115 65
Total Disbursements, 1943		177,837 66
Balance Cash, December 31, 1943		64,247 97
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		242,085 63

TRANSFERS

(RESERVE FUND)

1943		1943
State Guard	90 00	2,500 00 Appropriation
School Cafeteria Lamson	500 87	
Water	331 58	
Health	310 00	
Selectmen Unemployed	1,027 55	
Park	160 00	
Assessors' Special	80 00	
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	2,500 00	2,500 00

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

DECEMBER 31, 1943

		Appropriations and Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balances
Selectmen		1,300 00	1,228 49	71 51
Selectmen Unemployed				
Balance Jan. 1	3,981 13			
Transferred to Vet. Ben. Mar. 1			1,000 00	
Trans. from Reserve Dec. 31	1,027 55	5,008 68	2,517 47	1,491 21
Accounting		1,475 00	1,474 72	28
Treasury		1,195 00	1,097 53	97 47
Collector		1,460 00	1,460 00	
Assessors		1,800 00	1,719 68	80 32
Assessors Special	500 00			
Transfer from Reserve Fund	80 00	580 00	580 00	
Other Finance Accounts		15 00	10 00	5 00
Law		600 00	600 00	
Town Clerk		800 00	799 60	40
Election & Registration		800 00	799 76	24
Town Hall		3,000 00	2,998 39	1 61
Town Hall Painting		1,000 00	1,000 00	
State Guard				
Trans from Reserve Fund		90 00	89 61	39
Civilian Defense		1,700 00	1,442 11	257 89
Police		3,200 00	3,195 98	4 02
Fire		3,000 00	2,238 69	761 31
Fire Painting		200 00	200 00	
Moth Town		2,500 00	2,452 05	47 95
Moth Private		1,300 00	1,123 95	176 05
Tree Warden		900 00	875 41	4 59
Forest Fire Warden		85 00	63 24	21 76
Sealer		300 00	2 75	25 00
Health	2,700 00			
Trans. from Reserve	310 00	3,010 00	3,006 90	3 10
Dental Clinic		500 00	402 03	97 97
Inspection of Animals		75 00	75 00	
Highways		12,800 00	9,103 11	3,696 89
Snow		5,500 00	5,356 50	143 50
Street Lighting		7,200 00	7,011 00	189 00
Public Welfare		6,000 00	3,503 98	2,496 02
Veteran's Benefits				
Trans. from Selec. Unemployed	1,000 00	1,000 00	54 43	945 57
State and Military Aid		200 00	120 00	80 00
Old Age Assistance Town Meeting	2,100 00			
Trans. from New Fire Truck	8,400 00	10,500 00	10,076 86	423 14

		Appropriations and		Unexpended Balances
		Transfers	Expended	
Old Age Administration		1,000 00	999 09	91
Aid to Dependent Children		1,400 00	1,316 17	83 83
Aid to Dep. Children Admin.		25 00		25 00
School Dog Tax	365 88			
Town Meeting	45,657 77			
Special Town Meeting	1,806 35	47,830 00	47,819 03	10 97
Vocational		300 00	216 75	83 25
School Cafeteria High		2,375 00	2,373 95	1 05
School Cafeteria Lamson	1,500 00			
Trans. from Reserve	500 87	2,000 87	2,000 87	
School Screens and Shades		85 00	85 00	
Sealing and Waxing Floors		75 00	75 00	
Public Library	2,365 00			
Trans. from Trust Funds	44	2,365 44	2,365 44	
American Legion		300 00	300 00	
Boiler Insurance		1,500 00	79 80	70 20
Honor Roll		300 00	300 00	
Insurance Fund		1,325 00	1,280 61	44 39
Memorial Day		300 00	300 00	
Parks	450 00			
Trans. from Reserve	160 00	610 00	608 93	1 07
Reserve Fund		2,500 00	2,500 00	
Town Clock		50 00	50 00	
Town Reports		500 00	499 96	04
150th Anniversary		300 00	299 45	55
Water	3,325 00			
Trans from Reserve	331 58	3,656 58	3,652 09	4 49
Special		1,371 82	1,153 88	217 94
Cemetery	1,230 00			
Trans. from Trust Funds	521 33	1,751 33	1,751 33	
Interest		2,600 00	2,492 50	107 50
Maturing Debt	7,000 00			
Trans. from E. & D.	5,000 00	12,000 00	12,000 00	

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943	500 00	500 00
On hand at end of year 1943	500 00	500 00

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	12 61	Transferred to town for library purposes	12 61

H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943	1,000 00	1,000 00
On hand at end of year 1943	1,000 00	1,000 00

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	25 15	Transferred to town for for library purposes	25 15

MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943	407 21	407 21
On hand at end of year 1943	417 45	417 45

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	10 24	Added to savings deposits	10 24

CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS FUND

	Cash in General Treasury	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943	97 50	7,793 63	7,891 13
On hand at end of year 1943		8,599 46	8,599 46

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	195 33	Added to savings deposits	708 33
Sale of lots	415 50		
Cash in general treasury at beginning of year 1943	97 50		
	<hr/> 708 33		<hr/> 708 33

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

		Savings	Total
		Deposits	
On hand at beginning of year 1943		15,567 09	15,567 09
On hand at end of year 1943		16,423 91	16,423 91
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Income	390 32	Added to savings deposits	856 82
Bequests	775 00	Transferred to town for care of lots	308 50
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	1,165 32		1,165 32

TOWN OF HAMILTON

December 31, 1943

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Balance Dec. 31, 1942	Bequests	Income	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1943
French, Issac S.	103 09		2 59	2 50	103 18
Knowlton, George K.	114 62		2 88	2 50	115 00
Henry, Mary K.	79 76		1 99	2 00	79 75
Tuttle, John	111 22		2 79	2 50	111 51
Preston, Thomas	109 73		2 75	2 50	109 98
Goodhue, Samuel G.	109 47		2 74	2 50	109 71
Dane, Joseph F.	102 09		2 57	2 50	102 16
Patch, Lora S.	109 08		2 74	2 50	109 32
Cutler Temple (Old Lot)	81 98		2 04		84 02
Cutler Temple	81 33		2 04	2 50	80 87
Fillibrown, Howard R.	51 49		1 29		52 78
Butler, Nathaniel B.	109 00		2 74	2 50	109 24
Andrews, Horace E.	117 81		2 95	2 50	118 26
Whipple, Albert M.	109 26		2 74	2 50	109 50
Patch, Emeline	110 12		2 77	2 50	110 39
Knowlton, Issac F.	232 37		5 84	5 00	233 21
Anderson, Johanna M.	101 26		2 54		103 80
Burtin, Frank J. and P. W.	109 90		2 75	2 50	110 15
Dodge, Edward W.	110 62		2 78	2 50	110 90
Home, Thomas	113 64		2 85	2 50	113 99
Peterson, Charles A.	103 44		2 59	2 50	103 53
Graham, Charles E.	51 69		1 29		52 98
Lovering, J. P.	113 07		2 84	2 50	113 41
Dufton, Joseph W.	109 91		2 75	2 50	110 16
Dane, Ephraim A.	105 28		2 64	2 50	105 42
Dodge, James E.	112 03		2 81	2 50	112 34
Mason, Arthur	116 11		2 91	2 50	116 52
McNeil, Hattie	112 26		2 81	2 50	112 57
Kimball, Susan A.	161 17		4 05	3 50	161 72
Swett, George C.	103 91		2 60	2 50	104 01
Abbott, Albert S.	102 49		2 57		105 06
Whitman, Florence H.	103 48		2 59	2 50	103 57
Tilton, Barclay & Alice A.	401 27		10 09	10 00	401 36
Newcomb, Charles A.	103 31		2 59	2 50	103 40
Hurlburt, Eben	103 31		2 59	2 50	103 40
Dodge, Joseph W.	160 25		4 02	2 50	161 77
Williams, Betty L.	103 48		2 59		106 07
Rogers, Charles Jr.	107 22		2 69	2 50	107 41
Southwick, Mary A.	103 13		2 59	2 50	103 22

	Balance Dec. 31, 1942	Bequests	Income	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1943
Daley, Harold A.	206 61		5 19	5 00	206 80
Crowell, Frank B.	50 54		1 26		51 80
Wood, Oscar A.		150 00			150 00
Shepard, Helen		25 00			25 00
MacDonald, Alexander	110 62		2 78	2 50	110 90
Knowlton, John H.	112 84		2 83	2 50	113 17
Lovering, Myrtle B.	113 70		2 86		116 56
Crowley, Bertha	111 74		2 81	2 50	112 05
Hoone, Duncan K.	102 84		2 58		105 42
Chandler, William D.	110 61		2 77	2 50	110 88
Thayer, Samuel E.	111 11		2 79	2 50	111 40
Hayes, Alvia E.	111 73		2 81	2 50	112 04
Knowlton, Joseph	104 33		2 62	2 50	104 45
Wilson, James	112 71		2 83	2 50	113 04
Elwell, John E. & G.	115 17		2 90	2 50	115 57
Hobbs, Franklin	110 28		2 77	2 50	110 55
MacDonald, Robert	110 91		2 78	2 50	111 19
Thompson, Mary E.	169 23		4 27	3 00	170 50
Neal, George A.	52 16		1 32		53 48
Neal, Nirum	52 56		1 32		53 48
Ayers, Fred H.	110 43		2 77	2 50	110 70
Whipple A. C. Flower Fund	108 69		2 74		111 43
Stone, Daniel W.	112 03		2 83	2 50	112 36
Caldwell, Ernest G.	111 84		2 81	2 50	112 15
Bradstreet, John	208 08		5 25	5 00	208 33
Gambra, Joseph	108 49		2 73	2 50	108 72
Whipple, Emerson	111 66		2 81	2 50	111 97
Chadwick, Alden	112 86		2 83	2 50	113 19
Ellis, Emily	110 96		2 79	2 50	111 25
Woodbury, John T.	111 06		2 79	2 50	111 35
Whittredge, John	111 06		2 75	2 50	509 94
Woodbury, John L.	109 69	400 00	2 75	2 50	509 94
Roberts, George E.	111 67		2 81	2 50	111 98
Porter, Benjamin	111 46		2 80	2 50	111 76
Trussell, Frank P.	175 74		4 42	4 00	176 16
Austin, Delia	102 76		2 58	2 50	102 84
Trefry, Henry G.	110 53		2 77	2 50	110 80
Rowe, Mary	109 01		2 74	2 50	109 25
Nason, Daniel A.	109 01		2 74	2 50	109 25
Smerage, Charles A.		112 67	2 83	2 50	113 00
Knowlton, Clarence S.	111 38		2 80	2 50	111 68
Norton, Francis C.	164 70		4 14	3 00	165 84
Proctor, James H.	384 60		9 69	8 00	386 29
Brewer, Alice B.	103 92		2 61	2 50	104 03
Chandler, Arthur W.	99 64		2 51		102 15
Grant, Mrs. Alice	99 64		2 51		102 15

	Balance Dec. 31, 1942	Bequests	Income	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1943
Patch, Washington	99 64		2 51		102 15
Andrews, Mary	35 00		88		35 88
Ware, Lydia	242 32		6 10	5 00	243 42
Allen, Justin	104 12		2 61	2 50	104 23
Burnham, Choate	181 08		4 55	4 00	181 63
Roberts, Daniel	111 25		2 79	2 50	111 54
Kinsman, Jacob	111 81		2 80	2 50	112 11
Whipple, L. D.	102 89		2 57	2 50	102 66
Gleason, William H.	108 17		2 71	2 50	108 38
Davenport, Jabez K.	108 25		2 71	2 50	108 46
Dane, Francis	1,128 41		28 38	25 00	1,131 79
Safford, Daniel E.	109 53		2 74	2 50	109 77
Dodge, Joseph T.	111 03		2 79	3 50	110 32
Burnham, Amos	102 90		2 58	2 50	102 98
Bean, Ellen A.	115 69		2 90	2 50	116 09
Allen, Daniel S.	396 66		9 96	8 00	398 62
Ayers, Samuel	166 99		4 19	4 00	167 18
Abbott, Marshall K.	239 64		6 02	6 00	239 60
Dane, Luther	114 99		2 85	2 50	115 34
Allen, Albert F.	107 02		2 69	2 50	107 21
Brown, Elizabeth F.	111 76		2 80	2 50	112 06
Whipple, Hannah M.	107 74		2 70	2 50	107 94
Townsend, William E.	110 98		2 78	2 50	111 26
Dodge, H. A. & M. A.	257 58		6 46	6 00	258 04
Haynes, George T.	109 90		2 75	2 50	110 15
Williams, Constance	206 33		5 18	4 00	207 51
Tappan, Foster E.	101 92		2 54		104 46
Norris, George A.	153 87		3 84	2 50	155 21
Knowlton, Willis F.	204 34	200 00	5 12	5 00	404 46
Cummings, A. Merrill	101 89		2 54		104 43
Anderson, Perley G.	101 92		2 54		104 46
Gibney, George H.	101 31		2 53	2 00	101 84
Perron, James	50 84		1 26		52 10
Murray, Alice I.	101 70		2 53		104 23
Smith, Charles H.	100 00		2 10		102 10
	<hr/> 15,567 09	<hr/> 775 00	<hr/> 390 32	<hr/> 308 50	<hr/> 16,423 91

TOWN OF HAMILTON

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Date of Maturity	Water Loan	High School	Water Supply	Total
	Notes	Bonds	Bonds	
	1%	3½%	1¼%	
	Issued 7-1-38	Issued 7-1-31	Issued 7-1-39	
1944	\$1,000 00	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00	\$11,000 00
1945		5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00
1946		5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00
1947		5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00
1948		5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00
1949		5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00
1950		5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00
1951		5,000 00	5,000 00	10,000 00
1952			5,000 00	5,000 00
1953			5,000 00	5,000 00
1954			5,000 00	5,000 00
1955			5,000 00	5,000 00
1956			5,000 00	5,000 00
1957			5,000 00	5,000 00
1958			5,000 00	5,000 00
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	\$1,000 00	\$40,000 00	\$75,000 00	\$116,000 00

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Statement of Tax Rate per \$1,000 00 Valuation

for the Years
1920 to 1943 inclusive

Year	Tax Rate	Year	Tax Rate	Year	Tax Rate
1920	\$16 00	1928	\$23 40	1936	\$27 50
1921	20 00	1929	22 70	1937	26 70
1922	17 00	1930	23 60	1938	25 30
1923	21 00	1931	24 70	1939	25 00
1924	21 00	1932	23 70	1940	23 80
1925	23 80	1933	22 30	1941	23 40
1926	24 20	1934	23 80	1942	23 20
1927	23 80	1935	28 60	1943	22 00

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS
AND TAXATION
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

REPORT of AN AUDIT
of

THE ACCOUNTS

of the

TOWN of HAMILTON

For the Year 1943

February 3, 1944

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION
DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

February 3, 1944

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Edward A. DeWitt, Chairman
Hamilton, Massachusetts

GENTLEMEN :

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the fiscal year 1943, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts

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REPORT OF EXAMINER

MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir :

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the fiscal year 1943, and submit the following report thereon :

An examination was made of the recorded financial transactions of the various departments receiving or disbursing money for the town.

The town accountant's books were examined and compared with the records of the several departments. The payments as recorded in the ledger were verified by comparison with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds, and the receipts were checked with the treasurer's records.

An analysis was made of the ledger and the appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's record of appropriations and transfers author-

ized by vote of the town. The transfers from the reserve fund were checked with the finance committee's records.

A trial balance was drawn off proving the ledger accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1943, was prepared and is herewith appended.

The assessors' computation of the 1943 tax rate was examined and checked and it was noted that two appropriations from available funds voted by the town at the annual meeting were not considered by the assessors in the determination of the tax rate.

In this connection attention is called to Section 23, Chapter 59, General Laws, which requires that the assessors raise all sums appropriated since the last preceding annual tax assessment, and which also provides that deductions on account of appropriations voted from available funds in the treasury may be made by the assessors only upon the written approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. All appropriations voted by the town, whether they are to be raised by taxation or transferred from available funds in the treasury should therefore be certified by the town clerk to the assessors, as required by Section 15-A, Chapter 41, General Laws.

The books and accounts in the town treasurer's office were examined and checked in detail. The receipts as recorded were analyzed and checked with the records of departmental payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which the town received money, while the recorded payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing disbursement of town funds and with the books of the town accountant.

The cash balance on January 15, 1944, was proved by reconciling bank balances with statements received from the banks of deposit.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust funds in custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income and transfers to the town being verified.

The debt and interest payments were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due, the cancelled coupons and securities representing such payments being examined.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The commitment lists of poll, property, and motor vehicle excise taxes for the year 1943 were analyzed and the totals were proved with the assessors' warrants authorizing their collection. The taxes outstanding at the time of the previous examination were also audited, the payments to the treasurer, abatements, and additions to the tax title account being verified, and the outstanding accounts being listed and proved.

The commitments of water and cemetery accounts were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer and the abatements were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of receipts on account of dog and sporting licenses issued were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified, and the cash on hand being counted and proved.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned, the records of all other departments wherein money is collected for the town or in which charges originate were examined and checked in detail.

The surety bonds furnished by the several officials were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, water, and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the several trust funds.

During the progress of the audit, cooperation was received from all officials, for which I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts.

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RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1943,	\$43,563 01	
Receipts,	198,522 62	
		242,085 63
Payments,	\$177,837 66	
Balance December 31, 1943,	64,247 97	
		\$242,085 63
Balances January 1, 1944,	\$64,247 97	
Receipts January 1 to 15, 1944,	3,288 80	
		\$67,536 77
Payments January 1 to 15, 1944,	\$5,544 10	
Balance January 15, 1944:		
Naumkeag Trust Company of Salem,	\$28,790 92	
Merchants National Bank of Salem,	33,201 75	
	61,992 67	
		\$67,536 77

NAUMKEAG TRUST COMPANY OF SALEM

Balance January 15, 1944, per statement,		\$30,219 81
Balance January 15, 1944, per check book	\$28,790 92	
Outstanding checks January 15, 1944, per list	1,428 89	
		\$30,219 81

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF SALEM

Balance January 15, 1944, per statement,	\$35,935 31	
Deposit in transit, verified,	1,202 82	
		\$37,138 13
Balance January 15, 1944, per check book,	\$33,201 75	
Outstanding checks January 15, 1944, per list,	3,936 38	
		<u>\$37,138 13</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1941

Outstanding January 1, 1943,		\$15 20
Payments to treasurer 1943,		<u>\$15 20</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943,	\$1,324 72	
Abatement and payment refunded,	2 32	
		\$1,327 04
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$1,134 48	
Abatements 1943,	192 56	
		<u>\$1,327 04</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943,	\$20,599 30	
Abatements and payments refunded,	6 00	
		\$20,605 30
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$20,239 59	
Abatements 1943,	358 75	
Added to tax titles 1943,	6 96	
		<u>\$20,605 30</u>

POLL TAXES—1943

Commitment per warrant,	\$1,406 00	
Abatement and payment refunded,	2 00	
		\$1,408 00
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$1,196 00	
Abatements 1943,	212 00	
		<u>\$1,408 00</u>

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1943

Commitment per warrant,	\$12,162 92	
Abatements and payments refunded,	11 00	
		\$12,173 92
Payments to treasurer,	\$11,218 90	
Abatements,	59 40	
Outstanding December 31, 1943, and January 15, 1944, per list,	895 62	
		<u>\$12,173 92</u>

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1943

Commitment per warrant,	\$109,504 23	
Additional commitment,	284 90	
		\$109,789 13
Payments to treasurer,	\$94,301 05	
Abatements,	1,388 20	
Added to tax titles,	41 80	
Outstanding December 31, 1943,	14,058 08	
		<u>\$109,789 13</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1944,		\$14,058 08
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 15, 1944,	\$1,037 98	
Outstanding January 15, 1944, per list,	13,020 10	
		<u>\$14,058 08</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943,	\$14 65	
Additional commitment,	41 94	
Abatements and payments refunded,	6 62	
		\$63 21
Payments to treasurer 1943,	\$50 59	
Abatements 1943,	12 62	
		<u>\$63 21</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1943

Commitment per warrant,	\$4,988 99	
Abatements and payments refunded,	37 06	
		\$5,026 05
Payments to treasurer,	\$4,840 69	
Abatements,	177 36	
Outstanding December 31, 1943,	8 00	
		<u>\$5,026 05</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1944,	\$8 00	
Commitment per warrant January 1 to 15, 1944,	56 36	
		\$64 36
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 15, 1944	\$4 00	
Outstanding January 15, 1944, per list,	60 36	
		<u>\$64 36</u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1942

Outstanding January 1, 1943,	\$132 00
Payments to treasurer 1943,	<u>\$132 00</u>

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1943

Commitment per warrant,		\$1,137 57
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,030 02	
Outstanding December 31, 1943, and January 15, 1944, per list	107 55	\$1,137 57

INTEREST AND COSTS ON DEFERRED TAXES

Cash balance January 1, 1943		\$ 13	
Interest collections 1943:			
Taxes 1941,	\$ 04		
Taxes 1942,	534 24		
Taxes 1943,	30 05		
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1942,	23		
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1943,	80		
Water,	27 12		
Costs collections 1943:			
Taxes 1942,	6 66		
Polls 1943,	25 55		
		624 69	
			\$624 82
Payments to treasurer 1943,			\$624 82

Interest collections January 1 to 15, 1944:			
Taxes 1943,		\$11 80	
Motor vehicle excise taxes 1943,		02	
			\$11 82
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 15, 1944,			\$11 82

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1943,		\$447 83	
Added to tax titles:			
Taxes 1942,	\$6 96		
Taxes 1943,	41 80		
Interest and costs,	7 95		
		56 71	
Overpayment refunded,		29 11	
Added interest and costs reported as redemption of tax titles,		24 66	
			\$558 31
Tax titles redeemed,		\$418 80	
Balance December 31, 1943, and January 15, 1944, per list,		139 51	
			\$558 31

TAX TITLE POSSESSIONS

Balance January 1, 1943,	\$1,259 21
Balance December 31, 1943, and January 15, 1944, per list,	\$1,259 21

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses and permits granted 1943:

Liquor,	\$1,400 00	
Revolver,	16 00	
Victuallers,	6 00	
Sunday,	10 00	
Garage,	2 00	
Peddlers,	2 00	
Junk,	30 00	
Oleo,	1 00	
Taxi,	1 00	
		\$1,468 00
Payments to treasurer 1943,		\$1,468 00

Licenses and permits granted January 1 to 25, 1944,		\$1,072 00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 25, 1944,	\$972 00	
Outstanding January 25, 1944,	100 00	
		\$1,072 00

TOWN CLERK

DOG LICENSES

Cash balance January 1, 1943,	\$4 00	
Licenses issued:		
Males, 193 @ \$2.00,	\$386 00	
Spayed females, 58 @ 2.00,	116 00	
Females, 42 @ 5.00,	210 00	
Kennel, 2 @ 25.00,	50 00	
Transfer, 1 @ .25,	25	
	762 25	
		\$766 25
Payments to treasurer,	\$703 00	
Fees retained,	59 25	
Cash balance December 31, 1943,	4 00	
		\$766 25
Cash balance January 1, 1944,		\$4 00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 25, 1944,	\$3 60	
Fees retained January 1 to 25, 1944,	40	
		\$4 00

SPORTING LICENSES

Licenses issued 1943,		\$212 00
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game,	\$186 25	
Fees retained,	23 75	
Cash balance December 31, 1943,	2 00	
		<u>\$212 00</u>
Cash balance January 1, 1944,	\$2 00	
Licenses issued January 1 to 25, 1944,	72 50	
		\$74 50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game, January 1 to 25, 1944,	\$1 75	
Fees retained January 1 to 25, 1944,	6 50	
Cash on hand January 25, 1944, verified,	66 25	
		<u>\$74 50</u>

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Receipts 1943,		\$28 37
Payments to treasurer,	\$27 37	
Cash balance December 31, 1943,	1 00	
		<u>\$28 37</u>
Cash balance January 1, 1944,		\$1 00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 15, 1944,		<u>\$1 00</u>

MILK INSPECTOR

Permits issued 1943,		\$10 00
Payments to treasurer 1943,		<u>\$10 00</u>

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Temporary Aid—Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1943,	\$215 00	
Charges,	1,240 89	
		\$1,455 89
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,333 73	
Outstanding December 31, 1943, and January 15, 1944, per list,	122 16	
		<u>\$1,455 89</u>

Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable

Charges, 1943:		\$1,085 80
Payments to treasurer, 1943,		<u>\$1,085 80</u>

Old Age Assistance—Accounts Receivable

Charges 1943 :		
State,	\$7,619 06	
Towns,	179 21	
		\$7,798 27
Payments to treasurer 1943,		\$7,798 27
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STATE AID

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1943,	\$120 00	
Charges,	120 00	
		\$240 00
Payments to treasurer,	\$120 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1943, and January 15, 1944, per list,	120 00	
		\$240 00
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Miscellaneous Receipts

Collections 1943 :		
Tuition,	\$745 50	
Manual training,	14 25	
Sale of typewriters,	129 17	
Collections January 1 to 26, 1944 :		\$888 92
Payments to treasurer 1943,		\$888 92
		<hr/>
Tuition,		\$294 00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 26, 1944,		\$294 00
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Cafeterias

Collections 1943 :		
High school,	\$1,458 65	
Lamson school,	1,666 19	
		\$3,124 84
Payments to treasurer 1943,		\$3,124 84
		<hr/>
Collections January 1 to 26, 1944 :		
High school,	\$151 81	
Lamson school,	171 80	
		\$323 61
Payments to treasurer		
January 1 to 26, 1944,	\$255 44	
Cash on hand January 26, 1944, verified,	68 17	
		\$323 61
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DENTAL CLINIC

Charges 1943,		\$117 75
Payments to treasurer,	\$98 25	
Outstanding December 31, 1943, and January 26, 1944, per list,	10 50	
Cash on hand January 26, 1944, verified,	9 00	
		<hr/> \$117 75

LIBRARY

Receipts 1943,		\$9 83
Payments to treasurer,		<hr/> \$9 83

WATER DEPARTMENT

Rates

Outstanding January 1, 1943,	\$970 37	
Commitments,	7,091 98	
		\$8,062 35
Payments to treasurer,	\$7,067 44	
Abatements,	47 55	
Error in entering commitment,	04	
Outstanding December 31, 1943,	947 32	
		<hr/> \$8,062 35
Outstanding January 1, 1944,	\$947 32	
Commitments January 1 to 15, 1944,	1,923 97	
		\$2,871 29
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 15, 1944,	\$383 16	
Outstanding January 15, 1944, per list,	2,488 13	
		<hr/> \$2,871 29

Services

Outstanding January 1, 1943,	\$282.76	
Commitments,	192 99	
		\$475 75
Payments to treasurer,	\$313 04	
Abatements,	17 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1943,	145 71	
		<hr/> \$475 75
Outstanding January 1, 1944,	\$145 71	
Commitments January 1 to 15, 1944,	56 00	
		\$201 71
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 15, 1944,	\$33 00	
Outstanding January 15, 1944, per list,	168 71	
		<hr/> \$201 71

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1943 :		
Sale of lots and graves,	\$54 00	
Care of lots and graves,	926 00	
		\$980 00
Charges 1943 :		
Sale of lots and graves,	\$490 00	
Care of lots and graves,	620 25	
Interments,	212 00	
		1,322 25
Perpetual care bequests,		775 00
		\$3,077 25
Payments to treasurer :		
By cemetery department,	\$971 50	
By town collector,	480 00	
Direct,	400 00	
		\$1,851 50
Duplicate charges for care adjusted,		881 25
Outstanding December 31, 1943 :		
Sale of lots and graves,	\$31 00	
Care of lots and graves,	290 50	
		321 50
Cash balance December 31, 1943,		23 00
		\$3,077 25
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Cash balance January 1, 1944,	\$23 00	
Outstanding January 1, 1944,	321 50	
		\$344 50
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 15, 1944,	\$23 00	
Outstanding January 15, 1944, per list,	321 50	
		\$344 50
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DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

	Savings	
	Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,	\$500 00	\$500 00
On hand at end of year 1943,	500 00	500 00
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS
	1943	
Income,	\$12 61	Transferred to town for library purposes,
		\$12 61

H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,		\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
On hand at end of year 1943,		1,000 00	1,000 00
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	1943		
Income,	\$25 15	Transferred to town for library purposes,	\$25 15

CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS FUND

		Cash in General Treasury	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,		\$97 50	\$7,793 63	\$7,891 13
On hand at end of year 1943,		....	8,599 46	8,599 46
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS		
	1943			
Income,	\$195 33	Added to savings	deposits,	\$805 83
Sale of lots,	513 00			
Cash in general treasury at beginning of year 1943,	97 50			
	\$805 83			\$805 83

MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,		\$407 21	\$407 21
On hand at end of year 1943,		417 45	417 45
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	1943		
Income,	\$10 24	Added to savings deposits,	\$10 24

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1943,		\$15,567 09	\$15,567 09
On hand at end of year 1943,		16,424 91	16,424 91
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	1943		
Income,	\$391 32	Added to savings deposits,	\$857 82
Bequests,	775 00	Transferred to town for care of lots,	308 50
	\$1,166 32		\$1,166 32

TOWN OF HAMILTON
BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1943
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:		
In Banks and Office,		\$64,247 97
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1943,		14,953 70
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1943,		8 00
Special Assessments:		
Moth 1943,		107 55
Tax Titles,		139 51
Tax Title Possessions,		1,259 21
Departmental:		
Public Welfare,	\$122 16	
State Aid,	120 00	
		<hr/> 242 16
Water Department:		
Rates,	\$947 32	
Services,	145 71	
		<hr/> 1,093 03
Loans Authorized,		60,000 00
Underestimate:		
County Tax,		463 43
		<hr/> \$142,514 56
		<hr/>

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Tailings,		\$111 52
Old Age Assistance Recovery,		100 00
County Dog Licenses,		7 20
Surplus War Bonus Fund,		965 37
Trust Funds Income:		
Library,	\$92 59	
Cemetery,	4 05	
		<hr/> 96 64
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance,	\$3,719 12	
Administration,	36 88	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance,	337 04	
Administration,	181 04	
		<hr/> 4,274 08

Unexpended Balances:

Selectmen Unemployed,	\$1,491 21	
Highway Chapter 90 Construction,	62 94	1,554 15
Overestimate—State Assessment,		4 46
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		984 94
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1943,		1,657 20
Loans Authorized—Unissued,		60,000 00
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax,	\$8 00	
Special Assessment,	107 55	
Tax Title,	1,398 72	
Departmental,	242 16	
Water,	1,093 03	
	<hr/>	2,849 46
Surplus Revenue,		69,909 54
		<hr/>
		\$142,514 56
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DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	\$116,000 00
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	\$116,000 00
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LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

High School Building Loan,	\$40,000 00
Water Loan,	76,000 00
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	\$116,000 00
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TRUST ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities,	\$26,941 82
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	\$26,941 82
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LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund,	\$500 00
H. Augusta Dodge Library Fund,	1,000 00
Maxwell Norman Fund,	417 45
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund,	16,424 91
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,	8,599 46
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	\$26,941 82
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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN :

I have the honor to submit to you Annual Report of the Department of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not sealed	Condemned
Platform over 10,000 lbs	1	2	..	..
Platform 100 to 5,000 lbs.	..	8	..	..
Counter 100 to 5,000 lbs.	..	1	..	..
Counter under 100 lbs.	..	2	..	..
Beam 100 to 5,000 lbs.	..	1	..	..
Beam under 100 lbs.	1	2	..	..
Spring 100 to 5,000 lbs.	..	2	..	..
Spring under 100 lbs.	4	7	..	..
Computing under 100 lbs.	2	10	..	..
Personal weighing (slot)	..	1	..	..
Weights.				
Avoirdupois	..	26	..	..
Volumetric Measures.				
Liquid measures under 1 gallon	..	16	..	..
Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices.				
Gasoline Pumps	2	16	2	..
Oil pumps	..	..	22	..
Stops on pumps	..	5	..	..
Vehicle tank meter systems	3	5	..	..
Grease measuring devices	..	7	..	..
Linear Measuring Devices.				
Yard sticks.	..	2	..	..
Peddlers licenses				4
Ice scales				3
Reweighing of commodities sold or put up for sale.....				484
Number correct				322
Number under				74
Number over				88

Respectfully submitted,

ERVING O. MAXWELL,
Sealer.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

GREETINGS :

The Cemetery Commissioners hereby submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

The usual maintenance work constituted our program the past year. The labor situation being so drastic at this time it has been imposible to attempt to make any improvements in the cemetery.

In order to carry on our schedule of constructing new lots from year to year we purchased eighty yards of loam thus keeping ahead of the constant demand for new lots.

We wish to thank the Surveyor of Highways for plowing snow on the avenues the past winter.

We also wish to thank all who have assisted our Department this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE

LAWRENCE C. FOSTER

JOHN T. WALKER

Cemetery Commissioners.

REPORT

of the

HAMILTON

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1943

REPORT of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The year 1943 brought many problems to the school board. A great majority of these problems were due directly or indirectly to war time conditions. Not the least of these difficulties was the frequent changes in our teaching force, especially in the high school. Due to the shortage of teachers it was necessary for us to hire several with little or no experience. We found it impossible to secure a qualified shop instructor until the first of December. As a result our shop was closed for a period of four months. The vacancy now has been filled, and the committee is glad to report that this important subject is being handled satisfactorily.

It was with deep regret that the committee had to accept the resignation of Mr. Malone as principal of the high school. He had done a very creditable piece of work, but finding his added duties as principal too great a strain, resigned his principalship and resumed his former position as head of the language department. The duties of the principal have now been combined with those of the superintendent. The committee feels this combination of the two positions is adequate for a school system of our size.

The Lamson School lunch room ceased to be operated as a W.P.A. project in April and was taken over by the school department. Necessary alterations and repairs were made in the cafeteria. Mrs. Madeline MacGregor, who had been assisting at the High School cafeteria was appointed manager, with Mrs. John Ostrom as assistant. Mrs. Margaret Back was appointed to the vacancy at the high school. The cafeterias in both schools are under the supervision of the domestic science department of the high school. This cooperative system has proved to be very satisfactory, and the children are being served both nutritive and ample lunches.

The transportation of pupils is being ably handled by Mr. Donald Trussell, who has been very cooperative with the school board in all transportation problems. Due to the national change from standard to war time, the committee decided to begin school a half hour later than had been the custom in the past. This was done to eliminate the necessity of many pupils having to leave their homes before daylight in order to get the school bus.

The year 1944 will complete the third year in which the Hamilton schools have been operated as a system independent of a school union. The committee is convinced that this change has been a beneficial one. There have been many difficulties to meet, and this being a new venture to all concerned, no doubt mistakes have been made; but the progress made and the good accomplished has more than out-weighed any errors which may have occurred while trying to accomplish our ultimate goal—a school system ably administered and capable of preparing our boys and girls for good citizenship and success in their future lives.

The financial report for the year 1943 is included elsewhere in this town report and is self explanatory.

In closing, the school committee wishes to express its appreciation to the members of the faculty and other employees for their splendid loyalty and cooperation in fulfilling their various duties. The committee also wishes to thank the town officials who have been of assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN MacCURRACH, *Chairman*
MRS. GRACE LAMSON,
BRYCE B. WALTON.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*To the School Committee,
Town of Hamilton*

In gathering material for this report I have reviewed my reports of 1941 and 1942. Both of these reports open with a paragraph regarding schools in time of war. It is a regrettable fact that this report also will have to deal largely with wartime restrictions as they affect the schools. Let us most fervently hope that when time rolls around for another report the clouds of war will have rolled away.

The children of our country are facing a tragic situation. Never before have so many teachers been forced out of the profession because of their inability to meet rising living costs on their low salaries. This feeling of insecurity together with the general unrest throughout the world has made the school administrator's task extremely difficult.

Hamilton normally employs eighteen full time teachers, a part time music teacher and a superintendent, who at present also acts as principal of the High School. Since September 1941 it has been necessary to hire eighteen replacement teachers, one military substitute, and two temporary substitutes. It is not always possible to keep a teaching program intact when hiring new teachers but the following table shows approximately how the changes have been made and the departments most affected.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Teacher succeeded by</i>
First Grade	Miss Brown, Miss Anderson, Miss Lidbeck
Walsh School	Miss Barron, Miss Lundgren
Third Grade	Mrs. Cameron, Miss Lundgren, Miss Lawrence
Science and Math.	Mr. Chase, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Fillion, Mr. Martini
Science and Math.	Mrs. Bennett
Commercial	Miss Edmondson, Mrs. Counihan, Miss McGlynn
Domestic Arts	Miss Schouler, Miss Elliott, Miss Boswell
Commercial	Miss Herndon, Miss Hallett
History	Mr. Walton, Mr. Mendelsohn, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Mason
English	Miss Ready, Miss Barber
English	Miss Barsantee, Mrs. Mason
Shop	Mr. Wales, Mr. Martin, Mr. Hawkes

This table refers only to major subject changes. Many of these teachers are also assisting in other overlapping departments. Even a cursory glance at the table discloses the tremendous task facing the administration in attempting to hold the organization together and at the same time continue with a constructive plan of educational development. These teachers have in nearly all cases moved on to positions paying from \$300 to \$500 more than Hamilton was willing to pay.

Since January 1942 the following resignations and elections have been made.

Resignations

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Reason</i>
John Robinson	High	To map survey work
Ilmi Anderson	Jonathan Lamson	To California
May Lundgren	Jonathan Lamson	To Social Service
George Filion	High	To Salem High School
Maude Elliott	High	To Milton High School
Beatrice Edmondson	High	To Amesbury High School
Betty Herndon	High	To Torrington High School
Wilhelmenia Ready	High	To Marblehead High School
Barbara Barsantee	High	To Maine
Russell Martin	High	To Portsmouth Jr. High School

Elections

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Address</i>	<i>College</i>
Elliott Hawkes	Portland, Maine	Gorham Normal
Eldora Lidbeck	Gorham, Maine	Gorham Normal
Elizabeth Lawrence	Haverhill, Mass.	Lowell Teachers
George Filion	Salem, Mass.	Harvard
Carl Martini	Andover, Mass.	Holy Cross
Millicent Boswell	Beverly, Mass.	Salem Teachers
Priscilla McGlynn	Beverly, Mass.	Salem Teachers
Corinne Hallett	Canton, Mass.	Salem Teachers
Betsey Barber	Brattleboro, Vermont	Middlebury
Barbara Barsantee	Sanford, Maine	Bates

The hiring of new teachers necessitates the interviewing of many candidates, innumerable telephone calls to agencies and placement bureaus and often many miles of travel by train, bus, and automobile since one must leave no stone unturned when hunting for teachers who will keep themselves tuned to the times and who are willing and eager to crowd their teaching hours with the interests and needs of the youth they teach. Once we have found a good teacher it is necessary that we make the position attractive by providing pleasant living conditions and by paying substantial salaries. It is unjust and unfair that teachers should be placed in a precarious economic condition at a time when the nations income has reached new heights.

I have in previous reports had a great deal to say about guidance. Guidance, both vocational and educational, is one of the administrators most important and most difficult problems. Guidance cannot just be put into a school system. The entire staff must be educated and stimulated for the development of this service. The average teacher is prone to lose sight of the individual and his problems, in his own enthusiasm for his particular subject. The importance of holding a teaching force intact over a period of years is

obvious in any discussion of guidance. Teachers and administrators must be in a school system long enough to become personally acquainted with the students and to win their confidence. For the individual conference in which there is complete rapport between teacher and pupil is the keynote to a successful guidance program. Youth does not react favorably to a confidential conference with a comparative stranger.

Early in the fall the Iowa Tests of Educational Development were given to students in grades nine through twelve. The major purposes of these tests are to enable teachers and administrators to keep themselves more intimately and reliably acquainted with the continuing educational development of each individual pupil in order that instruction and guidance may be better adapted to his peculiar and changing interests, needs, and abilities.

As over fifty thousand boys and girls in the United States took part in this program it took several weeks for the correction and return of these tests. Each teacher now has a copy of the test results which she is using in planning her work and which will be used as data for individual conferences. This testing program in order to be most effective will be followed up at periodic intervals with standardized subject matter tests.

It is gratifying to note that our boys and girls made high percentile scores in those areas in which they showed weaknesses when last tested with standardized tests. This is scientific proof that our attempts at curriculum reconstruction are producing results.

Our lunchroom program which covers both the High and Lamson Schools has been commended by the State Department of Education. Although the appropriations for these departments may seem high let us not forget that all money received is turned back to the town and that this money covers the cost of food. The only expense to the town is for salaries paid to the women who prepare the meals.

The milk program is now taken care of by the cafeteria appropriation and is subsidized by the Federal Food Administration so that the net cost to the child is two cents per glass. It may be possible later in the year to receive some Federal subsidy to supplement the appropriation in meeting the rising cost of food.

The budget for 1944 shows an increase over the 1943 budget for the following principal reasons; (1) the cost of books and supplies has increased; (2) it is necessary to pay higher salaries when replacing teachers who move on; (3) one additional teacher has been added to the high school staff because the increased demand for pre-induction courses has made it necessary to teach both chemistry and physics the same year; the seventh and eighth grades have been divided for more efficient instructional purposes; (4) necessary repairs will be more costly under present economic conditions.

Figures are not available from 1943 town reports but the following table from representative towns in Massachusetts of less than 5,000 population and maintaining high schools for the year ending November 30, 1942 shows that Hamilton is not out of line in its school budget. All of these towns that have been contacted report a heavily increased budget for 1943-1944.

TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS OF LESS THAN 5,000 POPULATION AND MAINTAINING HIGH SCHOOLS
Year ending November 30, 1942

<i>Towns</i>	<i>Population 1940 Census</i>	<i>Valuation as of Jan. 1, 1941</i>	<i>Pupils enrolled</i>	<i>Salaries of principals, supervisors, teachers</i>	<i>Repairs, replace- ment upkeep</i>	<i>Trans- porta- tion</i>	<i>Appropria- tion</i>	<i>Per pupil cost all grades</i>
Marshfield	2419	8,203,630	408	26,391	1455	8,778	51,446	140
Manchester	2472	9,933,206	483	37,346	3146	245	64,844	168
Duxbury	2359	7,472,405	415	28,180	2581	5,581	49,290	128
Yarmouth	2286	5,897,890	564	30,622	1046	8,623	54,709	101
Chatham	2136	6,946,600	373	21,793	1237	5,625	41,843	123
Hamilton	2037	5,601,194	383	26,712	713	3,090	46,307	119

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1943

Appropriation		\$47,830 00
Expenditures:		
1. General	\$5,019 69	
Includes salaries—superintendent, secretary, attendance officer, census, office expense, travel		
2. Instruction	26,316 15	
Includes salaries—principal, supervisors, teach- ers, conferences		
3. Textbooks and Supplies	2,578 14	
4. Operation of Plant	6,354 89	
Includes salaries—janitors, fuel, water, elec- tricity, gas, janitor's supplies		
5. Maintenance	940 87	
Includes repairs, replacements and upkeeps		
6. Auxilliary Agencies	6,525 69	
Includes salaries—nurse, physician, transpor- tation, telephone		
7. Outlay	84 95	
Includes new equipment		
	<hr/>	47,820 38
Unexpended		9 62
Refund		1 35
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		10 97
Special Appropriations		4,335 00
Expenditures		4,751 57

REIMBURSEMENTS

1943

Tuition—Town of Wenham	\$735 00	
Manual Training Supplies	14 25	
Cafeteria		
High	1,458 65	
Lamson	1,666 19	
Sale of typewriters to government	129 17	
General School Fund Part I		
On account of teachers salaries	3,445 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,448 26
Net cost to town		\$45,123 69

For a more detailed account see town accountant's report.

The major maintenance and repair work for the year includes these items:
At the Lamson School:

The exits in some of the rooms were originally built to open inward.
These doors have now been changed so that all doors leading to fire escapes

open outward. The cafeteria kitchen was remodeled and painted. The floors of the classrooms and corridors were sealed and waxed. New window shades were purchased for the south side of the top floor.

At the High School:

Work had to be done on the assembly hall floor twice during the year. The stokers were serviced, the heating plant was checked and the chimney was pointed up. The radiators and pipes in the kitchen were painted.

Teachers meetings have been held periodically in which the development of courses of study has been discussed in accordance with plans suggested last summer at Harvard University. Progress has been made toward a better understanding of the analysis of classroom procedure.

Professional reading and study have been encouraged through conferences and the Essex County Teachers Institute. This institute for elementary teachers is sponsored by the superintendents of Manchester, Rockport, Hamilton and Wenham. The State Department of Education has furnished professional lecturers in reading, literature, arithmetic, the social studies and art. All of the Lamson School teachers have attended all of these meetings. They have taken part in some of the projects and have brought back material useful to their own classes.

The Lamson School Christmas pageant was unusually fine. Teachers, pupils and parents are to be congratulated for the splendid spirit of cooperation which was shown at all rehearsals and at the final performance.

The Victory Corps has been active in keeping up correspondence with the boys in service. The Corps also sponsored a Christmas package drive for boys in the armed forces. The pupils and faculty prepared and sent over 100 Christmas packages to every boy beginning with the class of 1936 who is in the United States armed forces. The Corps also purchased the Minute Man flag which flies every month that the school has a ninety per cent participation in war savings stamp sales.

The assembly program is being reorganized under the cooperative direction of the student council and faculty representatives.

The revival of athletics at the high school and the reopening of the shop has had a most healthful effect on the morale of the high school.

The student council and club program are cooperative projects in which the teacher remains a vital source of advice and sponsorship. The strongest argument for the student council is that it produces a higher type of citizenship by providing the students with an opportunity to follow the principles of democracy. Students become impressed by the similarity of school experience and life experience.

In closing my report it is a pleasure to announce that our high school continues to hold its class A rating and that students with high scholastic ratings may enter any of the colleges on the New England College Entrance Certificate List without examination. This privilege is also granted us by many other colleges throughout the country. I am also happy that after operating two and one-half years as an independent unit your school system has been highly commended by a representative of the state department of education who recently spent a whole day inspecting our schools. Points in our program receiving special mention were: our plans for developing qualities of leadership, initiative, self-control and self-direction through student

participation in student council, club activities and through the school lunch program; our interest in and plans for professional improvement of teachers; our understanding of and interest in developing an adequate guidance program and our ability to relate the curriculum to individual needs; the happy and well controlled relationship between pupils and teachers, as well as the businesslike manner in which the students conducted themselves was particularly commended.

Through this report I would like to invite parents and all interested townspeople to visit our schools to become acquainted with the teachers and to see for themselves the work that we are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. WASS,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools, South Hamilton, Massachusetts

DEAR SIRS :

I herewith submit my report as School Nurse of Hamilton.

Results of physical examination by Dr. John Corcoran, School Physician :

Defects		Corrections
Tonsils	10	5
Heart	3	All under treatment
Posture	106	

The Dental Clinics :

Under the Hamilton Dental Clinic January 1st to October 18th

No. children attending clinic 111

No. certificates received 58

Under the Board of Health Dental Clinic October 19 to December 31st.

No. children attending clinic 87

No. certificates received through clinic 16

No. certificates received through Private work 1

The Ear Examination :

Audiometer test for grades 4 through 12

No. children tested 264

No. children retested 25

No. children found deaf 1

The Eye Examination :

Defects	12	Corrections	9
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Diphtheria Clinic :

10 children immunized against Diphtheria

Contagious or Communicable Diseases

German Measles	162
Measles	10
Scarlet Fever	2
Whooping Cough	2

Miscellaneous Illnesses

Ivy	6
Impetigo	3
Pediculosis	10

Home calls	120	First Aid Dressings	240
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In closing I wish to thank the parents, teachers, pupils, school physician and other Health authorities for their kind and considerate help in making our school system do its part in health education.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIA G. BURNS,

School Nurse.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1944

(May be subject to change for the best interests of the present emergency)

January 3	Schools open
February 18	Schools close
February 28	Schools open
April 14	Schools close
April 24	Schools open
May 30	Holiday
June 9	Elementary School closes
June 15	Graduation
June 16	Reception
June 16	High School closes
Summer Vacation	
September 6	Schools open
October 12	Holiday
November 29	Schools close at noon
December 4	Schools open
December 22	Schools close

1945

January 2	Schools open
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Age of Admittance

Pupils entering school in September must have been at least five years of age on March 1st preceding entrance in September.

Vaccination

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of vaccination or exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

No-School Signal

Radio broadcast over WNAC of Yankee Network and Salem WESX between 7:30 and 8:00 a. m., if there is no school for the day.

22—22 repeated at 7:45 a. m. over the local fire alarm means that there will be no school for the day.

Obviously we cannot blow the no-school signal for every storm. Parents may reserve the right to keep their children home in stormy weather if in their own judgment they feel that the weather is too severe for their children.

School Census as of October 1, 1943

	Boys	Girls
Number between five and seven years of age	44	37
Number between seven and sixteen years of age	172	140
Totals	216	177
Total Census		393
Distribution of the above minors, October 1, 1943:		
In the Public Day School membership		354
In private school membership		29
Not enrolled in any school		10

GRADUATION EXERCISES

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION PROGRAM

June 17, 1943 at 8 p. m.

MAXWELL NORMAN AUDITORIUM

Processional—March from "Athalia"	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
Invocation	Rev. Edward J. McLaughlin
Welcome	Dean Fowler, <i>Class President</i>
Address—Freedom of Speech	Alene Flynn
Address—Freedom of Worship	Gloria Bellevue
Song—"Let's Bring New Glory to Old Glory"	Warren
Double Quartet	
Address—Freedom from Want	Dean Fowler
Address—Freedom from Fear	Donald Child
Presentation of Awards	Frank J. Malone, <i>Principal</i>
Song—"To Thee, O Country"	<i>Eichberg</i>
<i>Chorus</i>	
Presentation of Diplomas	Allan MacCurrach
	<i>Chairman, School Board</i>
Class Gift	Dean Fowler
Class Song	Class of 1943
Salute to Flag and National Anthem	Rae Cavanagh
Benediction	Rev. Edward J. McLaughlin
Recessional—March from "Athalia"	<i>Mendelssohn</i>

Class Marshal Robert Greeley, '44

Accompanists Richard Child and Caroline Dove

Director of Music Miss Maude L. Thomas

GRADUATES OF 1943

Stanley E. Allen, Jr.	*Alene Flynn
Joan Adams	Roger Dean Fowler
*Ebba Gertrude Anderson	Marjorie Virginia Hughes
*Gloria Roberta Bellevue	Robert Arthur MacRae
Betty Lee Brewster	Roger Willard Martin
*Rae Cavanagh	*Sidney B. Meyer
*Donald Harold Child	Gladys Palm
Robert Henry Chittick, 3rd	Paul Joseph Pooler
John Haraden Day	Elizabeth Wilhelmina Richard
*Donald Scott Duclow	Emeline Adams Sprague
Dorothy Joy Faulkner	Eva Ann Wilson

*National Honor Society Members

CLASS MOTTO

Ascendere et Progredi
(Upward and Onward)

CLASS COLORS
Blue and Gold

CLASS FLOWER
Yellow Tea Rose

CLASS OFFICERS

President, Donald Duclow
Vice-President, Dean Fowler

Secretary, Alene Flynn
Treasurer, Robert Chittick—Roger Martin

CLASS SONG OF 1943

Tune: *"From the Garden of Tomorrow"*

As we leave our friends and schoolmates,
We recall the fun we knew;
We will always cherish memories
Of our school and teachers, true

As we look upon the future,
Our hearts are filled with joys and sighs;
It's because we love it!
It's because we'll miss it!

Our own dear old Hamilton High.

Composed by: Marjorie Hughes Dorothy Faulkner

HAMILTON SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ALLAN MacCURRACH, <i>Chairman</i>	Telephone, Hamilton 159
MRS. GRACE LAMSON	Telephone, Hamilton 89-M
BRYCE B. WALTON	Telephone, Hamilton 273-R

Regular meetings of the school committee are held in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on the second Thursday of each month at 8 p. m.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

RAYMOND C. WASS

Office, Hamilton High School	Telephone, Hamilton 575
Hours, 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.	
Residence, 53 Walnut Road, South Hamilton	Telephone, Hamilton 551

SECRETARY

MRS. ELIZABETH EDMONDSON	Telephone, Hamilton 289-W
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HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

RAYMOND C. WASS

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

JOHN G. CORCORAN, M. D.	Telephone, Hamilton 44
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SCHOOL NURSE

JULIA G. BURNS, R. N.	Telephone, Hamilton 286-R
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Professional Improvement 1943

Teacher	Course	College
Ellen Duffy	Arithmetic Methods	Salem Teachers College
Raymond C. Wass	Public School Administration	Harvard Summer School

HAMILTON TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY 1, 1944

Name	School	Subject or Grade	Appointment	Experience	Education	Degrees
Raymond C. Wass.....	High	Superintendent and Principal	1941	22	Machias Nor., Univ. of Maine Grad. School Boston Univ. Study Harvard Univ.	B. Ed. M. A.
Mrs. Hazel Ramer...Ass't Prin., High		Math	1921	34	Salem Normal	B. A.
Frank J. Malone	High	French and Latin ..	1931	13	Boston College Grad. School Boston Univ	M. A.
Mrs. Laura W. Boyd	High	English	1925	22	Emerson College Grad. Study Boston University	B. L. I.
Mrs. Dorin Bennett	High	Biology, Math.	1943	6	Bridgewater Teachers College	B. S. Ed.
Corinne Hallett	High	Commercial	1943	1	Salem Teachers College	B. S. Ed.
Priscilla McGlynn	High	Commercial	1943	0	Salem Teachers College	B. S. Ed.
Carl J. Martini	High	Science, Gym	1943	0	Holy Cross	B. S.
Mrs. Blanche Mason, Temp. Sub., High		History, English	1944	4	Salem Teachers College Undergrad. Study Brown Univ.	
Betsey Barber	High	English	1943	2	Middlebury	A. B.
Edith Anderson	High	Social Studies	1929	29	Salem Normal Undergrad. Study Boston Univ.	
Millicent Boswell	High	Domestic Science, Cafeteria Mgr.	1943	1	Framingham Teachers Col. B. S. Ed.	
Elliott Hawkes	High	Manual Training	1943	6	Grad. Study Fitchburg Tea. Col.	
Ellen M. Duffy	J. Lamson	Grade 6	1927	18	Gorham Normal Undergrad Study Hyannis	
Margaret K. Batchelder	J. Lamson	Grade 5	1920	24	Salem Normal Undergrad. Study Salem Normal	
Marian C. Joseph ..Prin., J. Lamson		Grade 4	1921	23	Salem Normal Undergrad. Study Salem Normal	
Elizabeth D. Lawrence	J. Lamson	Grade 3	1943	4	Lowell Teachers College	B. S. E.
Mrs. Marion S. Batchelder ..	J. Lamson	Grade 2	1926	26	Undergrad Study Hyannis Normal, Boston University Salem Teachers College	
Eldora Lidbeck	J. Lamson	Grade 1	1943	5	Gorham Normal	

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1943

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
1	9	22	3	1												35
2		4	22	3												29
3			6	16	7	1			1							31
4				8	20	4	2									34
5					6	16	5	2	1							30
6						11	17	3	1	1						33
7							16	14	3	2	1					36
8								14	18	11	1					44
9								1	9	15	10					35
10										9	14	3				26
11											8	11	2	1	1	23
12												8	8	3		19
Totals	9	26	31	28	33	32	40	34	33	38	34	22	10	4	1	375

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